

LWVRV SPONSORED CANDIDATE EVENTS 2022

Jackson County Commissioners Candidate Forum

Monday, October 10, 5:30 PM

CANCELLED

Prescott Room, Medford Police Dept, across from City Hall, 219 South Ivy Street, Medford

Oregon House Representative District #56 Candidate Forum, Emily McIntire and Jonathan Chenjeri

Sunday, October 23, 4:00 PM with LWV Klamath County

Ashpole Community Center, Eagle Point City Hall, 17 Buchanan Street, Eagle Point

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This Year's Plan for LWVRV

If you attended the lovely celebration luncheon (thank you, Lorraine Werblow and Dorothy Destache), you heard me speak about our plan to operate IN PART with small groups. (This also means fewer large meetings, which are more difficult to arrange). Most often, I refer to these small groups as “units,” which is an old term for them in the League.

I wrote about this change in the last newsletter, describing the groups as a way for us to stay *agile and flexible*. As I mentioned then, we don't know the entirety of our changes. Partially, it will depend on the suggestions, interest, and fortitude of our members themselves.

Time for your choices to be heard.

Your opinion is important as we advance this restructuring project.

So How will Units Work?

I admit, we will not *entirely* be holding hands. Members of many organizations don't like to hear “it's up to you.” Generally, they fear that can mean a lot of work. Luckily, that is NOT our proposal here. So don't let it scare you off.

Here is the framework.

1. **You decide on the topic and run it by the board for approval.**

Units are open to any issue that the League considers, follows, or for which we *may* have a position. It could be an **action** item, a **voter service** project, a literature review, ballot measure discussions, update and consequences of election results, time to teach yourself the details of a government policy in your area, chance to share what you know on a subject, or even a “kaffe klatch” to simply discuss issues.

[The board meets the 3rd Thursday of the month, so if you want to start during a particular month, check with us the couple weeks before. If it is not obvious, let us know what League position, **or principle**, to which your idea relates.]

2. **Consider your “purpose.”** Your group may concentrate on educating itself, taking action, or providing some service. Take time at your first meeting to consider this. Remember the unit is still part of the League and as such, party-neutral.

3. **Pick your location.**

Whether you meet at someone's house, the library, a coffee shop, restaurant, University room, local park table, OR ZOOM, you need to plan at least the first meeting so that the board can ‘advertise’ it for you (IF YOU WISH).

4. **Choose a Day, Time, and (maybe) number of sessions.**

You should arrange the first meeting's day and time. After that your group can make changes as you like. If you know that you only want to meet 2 or 3 times entirely, state that up-front. Some members may appreciate the lighter commitment.

5. **Try to get 1 or 2 other members to help you initiate a meeting.**

You can arrange it all yourself, but it might be nice to know others are already on-board. Three (3) members will make a unit – as would 20. It's all based on interest.

6. **Keep a list (probably with email addresses) of those interested.**

This is simply for later contact if your unit will be continuing beyond 1 or 2 meetings.

Reminder note: A unit may constitute only a couple sessions, or take on a further life of its own to complete a desired outcome. Your decision.

Along with other board members, I am here to answer questions (as much as possible), direct your requests, or just be a sounding board for your ideas.

PLEASE, help us make this happen. AND look for groups that might interest you.

Barbara Klein,

Acting Chair LWVRV (and Action Chair)

Want to Talk about a Unit?

Jackie Clary invites you to contact her at:

Email: jackieclary@gmail.com

Phone: 541-441-4526

Welcome Our New Members

Deborah Price, Ashland

Ardyth White, Medford

Debora Bloom, Medford

Joan Johnson, Jacksonville

October Voter Service Report

Kathleen Donham, 541-772-5044

- The LWV Rogue Valley has two candidate events—~~Oct. 19~~ and Oct. 23. **KLAMATH FALLS** members are co-hosting the House District 56 Debate on 10/23 in Eagle Point. Join our colleagues from the other half of the new District 56 designation.
- 1. The League's Voters Guides will arrive later this month and need to be delivered to the libraries (8), RCC, OLLI, and the manor in Medford. **If you can find time to help with that task, it would be appreciated!** Three voter registration events along with voter education were held in Grants Pass.
- If you are part of an organization that needs election information about ballot measures, call Kathleen.

Protect our Democracy. The current political environment reveals how precious and also potentially vulnerable our democracy is and how essential it is to protect and safeguard a major component of it: The Vote. Last February, the Oregon Secretary of State's Office presented on the topic before the House Committee on Rules, including these photos of vandalism perpetrated last spring in the parking lot of the Klamath County Elections Office. [HB 4144](#) passed during the 2022 Session, addressing election worker safety. This fall, our friends in Klamath Falls have also experienced [unknown people knocking on doors](#) asking residents how they voted. The Klamath County Clerk issued a press release, assuring people that they do not need to answer such questions and that, if voters feel they are being threatened, they can even call 911. LWVOR is working with others towards a bill for the 2023 Session that will effectively address voter harassment and intimidation, as well.



HB 4144 - ELECTION WORKER SAFETY



The League has never been more important— nationwide and locally. Trust in election institutions, fairness and integrity, which is a League mission to maintain, is threatened. We have the power to oppose this. We should be visible and articulate right now— here in Southern Oregon.

--Kathleen Donham, Voter Service LWVRV

Ten Things You Can Do Right Now to Defend Democracy

Summarized from League of Women Voters Lane County September Newsletter

(See the entire LWVLC article [here](#))

1. Define your democracy and get clear about values and boundaries.
2. Talk about democracy in governance with family, friends, and colleagues.

3. Read and listen to reliable, credible sources to be a better-informed democracy defender.
4. Demand better from your organization and show up to help.
5. Promote respectful dialogue.
6. Check your voter registration and make a plan to vote ahead of each election
7. Write to your elected officials about the issues that matter most to you.
8. Work to increase voter turnout. Volunteer with LWVRV Voter Service
9. March, rally, and just BE with others.
10. Run for office or join an advisory board.

Defending Our Democracy is Not a Spectator Sport



Climate Change News

Shirley Weathers, Climate Change Coordinator

The League of Women Voters on all levels has demonstrated recognition of the urgency of addressing climate change. The national position adopted in 2019 stated that “an international approach to combating climate change—including through energy conservation, air pollution controls, building resilience, and promotion of renewable resources—is necessary to protect public health and defend the overall integrity of the global ecosystem. The League supports climate goals and policies that are consistent with the best available climate science and that will ensure a stable climate system for future generations.”

The year before, this resolution, initiated by LWVOR, passed at Convention:

The League of Women Voters supports a set of climate assessment criteria that ensures that energy policies align with current climate science. These criteria require that the latest climate science be used to evaluate proposed energy policies and major projects in light of the globally-agreed-upon goal of limiting global warming to 1.5°C, informed by the successful spirit of global cooperation as affirmed in the UN COP 21 Paris Agreement.

But even casual attention to the news makes clear that addressing the current climate crisis is enormously complex. That goes for the strategies under consideration to meet emissions reductions goals. Can we do away with them entirely? How quickly? If not fossil fuels, what? Popular options include solar, wind (on and offshore), hydropower, hydrogen, thermal, nuclear, other? Each option faces challenges—economically, politically, diplomatically, technologically, and so on. Each has its proponents. Are we getting the whole story about issues like risks, benefits, and total costs of each? What are the Green House Gas (GHG) emissions, economic justice implications, and so on associated with producing each of these so-called “green” energy sources? It boggles the mind.

Without question, the League’s continued involvement in the vital area of addressing climate change is needed, but it’s important to note that our existing positions *specifically related to energy* are currently limited. One calls for “. . . [an] emphasis on conserving energy and using energy efficient technology.” Another, stemming from the risks posed by radioactive waste and the absence of an effective disposal solution, posits that energy from nuclear fission should be “minimized.” The League has also concluded that a mix of energy sources is preferred, but importantly, has said nothing about which ones. Given the newness and complexity of the potential components of that “mix,” that’s a good (“League-ishly” responsible) thing. None of our positions so far was developed in the context of the climate emergency facing the planet now or in the context of the full array of options before us at this time. It’s looking like we will need to ensure that we have adequate positions—based on thorough and objective study of energy sources and strategies in accordance with League protocols—if we are to carry out effective advocacy on the state and national level as policy-making bodies struggle to debate and enact responses to the climate crisis.

THE PARTY IS OVER – Lorraine Werblow

Once upon a time in the winter of the year 2020, I spoke with Dorothy Destache about helping me with the preparations for a LWVRV luncheon. She was delighted to participate in the event celebrating the LWV's 100th anniversary on May 20th, 2020.

We visited several venues in our area and selected the Ashland Hills Hotel in Ashland. We were lucky to do so as the Catering Manager, Danielle Atkinson, was wonderful to work with as was her assistant Susan Mathews. When we chose the time, place, and date, I went shopping for get a new dress. Low and behold, on May 13th, 2020, the world stood still as COVID-19 reared its ugly head. I called Danielle and asked for a postponement to Sept. 14th, 2021. I admit I got another new dress, more appropriate for that month. All was going pretty well until we had a surge of cases of COVID in 2021 and we had to postpone the luncheon to Sept. 15th, 2022. NO, I did not get another dress, instead I got a puppy. 😊

The luncheon now was a celebration of the League's anniversary (now 1002 years) and Constitution Day and was wonderful success with 54 attendees. The food was great, our guest speaker, Betsy Massie was outstanding, explaining several of the amendments in the Constitution in an elegantly balanced, non-political way. She mesmerized our audience with her knowledge and you can see her "Ted Talk" on the subject [here](#).

Thanks to:

- Jackie Clary, Margie Peterson, and Rick Bennett – former presidents and current Chairperson of the Board for their support
- Normary Barrett and Jean Buck for signing in attendees
- Rick Bennett for the case of white wine + a donation
- Jean Buck for the photo displays and information about our League
- Debra Har & Judith Kurinsky for selling our merchandise
- Shirley Harris and Cindy Phelps for picking up and transporting the centerpieces for the tables
- Terrie Kaufman for donating her time and talent in making the centerpieces
- Miriam Schiffman, Vanya Sloan, Mary & Charley Sinclair, Jackie Clary, Jim Crary, and Jenifer Croyle for their donations
- Sally Smith for three bottles of red wine
- Michael Sawicky and Barbara Klein for loaning and setting up the Presentation System
- And, of course, Dorothy Destache



Lorraine Werblow



Susan Rust, Barbara Davidson, Lynda Stevenson

Legacy Member: PATSY CAMPBELL

(A legacy member has been with the League for 50 or more years!)

Patsy is new to our local League but not to the League of Women Voters. She was born in 1926 and lived with her Norwegian immigrant parents in Ravena Hill, Washington. She attended the University of Washington and in 1945 married fellow student, Bob Campbell.

They moved to Mercer Island as Bob enlisted in the Navy as a pilot for the Korean War effort. Patsy joined the League there to get an “intellectual relief-break from the kids!” After various homes in Balboa Island and Hawaii, they settled in Long Island, New York, where she held **unit** meetings at her house. This is where she gained experience serving in study groups and fundraising.

Patsy also lived on Bainbridge Island, Washington, serving in King and Kitsap counties locally, as well as at the state level in Public Affairs. In her home in Eugene, Oregon, she worked with Jo Morgan and Annabell Kitzhaber in the Stay Non-Partisan effort. Her husband, Bob, always supported her efforts and the League. She currently lives at The Springs at Anna Maria.

In retirement, she and Bob traveled extensively, 56 trips in total, to Norway, Europe, and beyond. Travel is definitely in the family blood, as her daughter, Gretchen Hamilton (also a local League member), has been to Norway 10 times!

Patsy says “Everyone Must Vote! No Vote=No Comment!” Thank you Patsy for your years of service.

We are aware that Lorraine Werblow and Nancy Swan are also legacy members and we will be highlighting them in future articles. If you know of others, please contact Jean Buck at buckjean11@yahoo.com or 541-944-6271.



Patsy Campbell

The following candidate forums are for information only and not sponsored by LWVRV

SOU and JPR Host:

Oregon State Senate District 3 Candidate Forum

SOU President Rick Bailey will kick-off the Oregon State Senate District 3 Candidate Forum on Wednesday, October 12 at 7:00pm (Pacific Time) in the SOU Music Recital Hall on the Southern Oregon University Campus in Ashland, Oregon. Geoff Riley of Jefferson Public Radio will moderate the forum. Candidates Senator Jeff Golden and Medford Mayor Randy Sparacino will discuss issues pertaining to the state of Oregon and the upcoming election. Sponsored by the Office of the President at Southern Oregon University. **Admission is FREE but by ticket only.** For more information, [please click here.](#)

Southern Oregon Climate Action Now (SOCAN) presents candidate forums on Climate & Environment:

Congressional District 2 & Jackson Co. Commissioners
Tuesday, Oct 4, 2022 – 7 - 8:30 PM
Medford Public Library, 205 S. Central Ave.

Invited:

Congressional District 2: Cliff Bentz, Joe Yetter
Jackson Co Comm. Pos 1: Rick Dyer, Denise Krause; Pos 3: Al Densmore, Colleen Roberts

State Senate & House Candidates
Tuesday Oct 18, 2022 – 7 - 8:30 PM
Medford Public Library, 205 S. Central Ave.

Invited:

Senate District 3: Jeff Golden, Randy Sparacino
House Districts - 4: Christine Goodwin; 5: Sandra Abercrombie, Pam Marsh;
6: Dan Davis, Kim Wallan; 56: Jonathan Chenjeri, Emily McIntire

LWVRV Calendar

October

- ~~• Monday 10 Jackson County Commissioners Candidate Forum 5:30~~
- Tuesday 18 Last day to register to vote
- Thursday 20 Board meeting, 10:00
- Friday 21 Election ballots mailed out
- Sunday 23 OR House of Representatives District 56 Candidate Forum 4:00
- Thursday 27 Newsletter submissions due

November

- Tuesday 8 Election
- Thursday 17 Board meeting, 10:00
- Saturday 27 Newsletter submissions due

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