

voter Service Activities September 2023

by K. Donham

- BIG THANK YOU to **Trish Bowcock** and **Jim & Jean Buck** for hosting voter registration tables at Rogue Community College’s Constitution Day event in downtown Medford and Grants Pass. RCC has proven to be a solid partner in our civic education processes.
- **Oct 7 Saturday Fall Workshop**—Eugene. Contact Kathleen at KDonham@gmail.com [see directory for phone] if you want to ride with me. Youth Outreach for Civics Education will be a featured presentation. www.lwvor.org/events
- I recommended to Youth Outreach committee (Mimi Alkire LWVOR) that they purchase **pocket constitutions** at the state level. It looks as if we may have a new resource for civics education at \$1.38 per copy! Mock Elections are being promoted statewide, and I hope to include Ashland High School teacher Cambria Floren, beneficiary of 100 LWVRV donated pocket constitutions, to be involved in that project.
- To everyone’s chagrin, there is no statewide Voter Service Director for LWVOR. Vote411, Voters Guides, and Speakers Bureau are all covered with committee chairs, but no director yet.
- I will be on vacation Oct. 17-Nov. 13, so will not be here for the Nov. 7 Special Election. Here are the measures in that election: jacksoncountyor.org/clerk/Elections/Upcoming-Current-Elections/Special-Elections [Topics are Rural Fire Protection districts, Eagle Point Schools, and Rogue River mayor and councilman term limits—no candidates].

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League of Women Voters Rogue Valley
advocacy group Invites
Members & Public



SNEAK PREVIEW OF 2024 BALLOT What's In It for You?

Join us for one (or all 3) meetings

Medford Library – Saturday, October 21, 2023- Noon-2:00pm

Ashland Library – Tuesday, October 24, 2023 – 6:00 pm-8:00pm

On Zoom – Monday, October 30, 2023 – 6:00pm-8:00pm Register on website: LWVRV.org

Election Reform Issues

Money in Politics Reform

People Not Politicians Redistricting

Ranked Choice Voting

Jackson County Reform to Board of Commissioners

For more information, email action@lwvrv.org or see our website LWVRV.org

Planning for the 2024 Election Cycle How do you intend to engage?

Join me for a Voter Service strategy session on November 21. Which candidate positions should the League interview? How will the Ballot Measures be explained to the public? How should we best employ our precious volunteer resources? How can you participate?

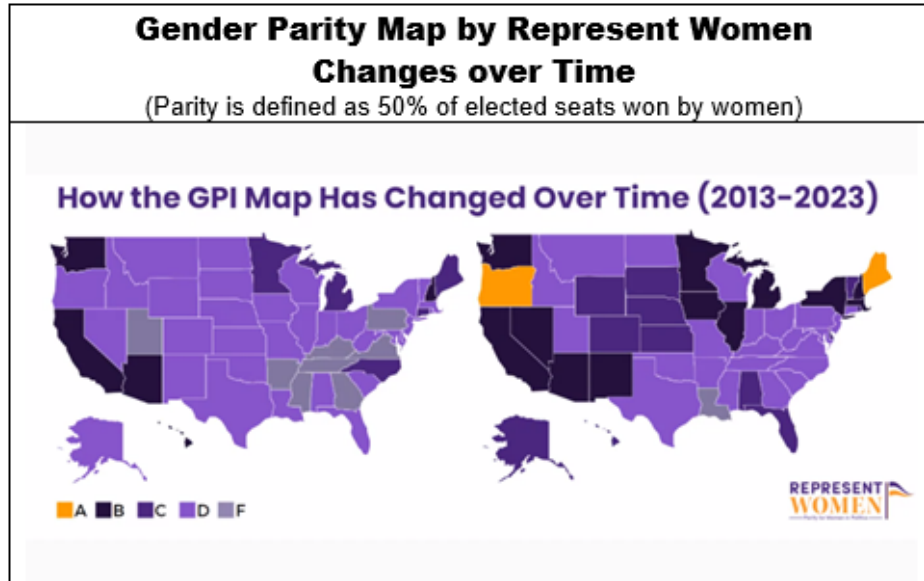
Tuesday November 21 - Lunchtime Location TBD

Save this Date

Oregon gets an 'A'

By Barbara Klein

For the first time since the national organization **Represent Women** has been collecting data on gender parity, two states received a grade of 'A.' Oregon was one, Maine the other (the latter receiving the 1st ranking, Oregon the second).



Oregon

Grade **A**

Gender Parity Score History

Year	Score
2014	21.1
2015	23.4
2016	23.1
2017	26.2
2018	26.8
2019	32.4
2020	41.4
2021	41.7
2022	40.7
2023	53.2

State Ranking: 2
Gender Parity Score: 53.2

#2023GenderParityIndex

- Voting System(s)**
Single Winner Districts & Winner-Takes-All
- Primary Type**
Closed
- Women's Legislative Caucus?**
Yes

To read the entire report, visit: [2023 Gender Parity Index - RepresentWomen.pdf | Powered by Box](#)

A case study of Oregon gender parity is on pages 30-31. An easy-to-understand summary of gender parity in Oregon is on pages 124-125. Represent Women also tracks which states use Ranked Choice Voting.

LWVOR Recall Study

by Kathleen Donham

The LWV Oregon has embarked on a study of the Recall Process in Oregon. As I watched with amazement as the volunteer mayor of Grants Pass underwent a recall this month, I realized that I was unaware of the conditions required to conduct a recall. I believe the League is doing the state a great service by reviewing and documenting the practice, costs, and incidence of the recall. Members will be invited to ask questions of their local county clerk as part of the fact-finding process.

Approved timeline for the study progress:

May to June 2023: The committee will recruit committee members from Lane County and other local Leagues and hold its first meeting via Zoom.

August to September 2023: Begin researching and organizing information that answer the questions of who, what, where, when, and how.

November 2023 to February 2024: Complete interviews and reading, choose graphics and hyperlinks, and choose art for the study cover.

March to April 2024: Write the first draft.

May to June 2024: Complete the second draft and compose in readable/professional format with edits from an editing committee.

July 2024: Send a formatted copy for expert review and present it to LWVOR Board for approval.

August 2024: LWVOR office publishes and shares the finished study with local Leagues and Units.

September 2024 to January 2025: Committee drafts consensus questions and sends those to all local Leagues and Units to present to their members at a special Recall Study meeting.

February 2025: Local League consensus question answers are collected and presented to a specially appointed Agreement Committee that will draft positions in agreement with the Study Committee.

March 2025: Positions presented to LWVOR Board for approval to publish, post, and take action.

My own area of research is the incidence or frequency of recalls in Oregon compared to the rest of the country. I am reading a 2021 book by Joshua Spivak, Senior Fellow at the Hugh L. Carey Institute for Government Reform at Wagner College and a Senior Research Fellow at the Berkeley Law's California Constitution Center, called *Recall Elections: Alexander Hamilton to Gavin Newsom*. Let me know if you have an interest. KDonham@gmail.com



In Memoriam

Long time LWVRV member **Barbara Empol**
passed on September 20, 2023.

New Member

Henry Taylor (they, them) is our newest member.

Henry is a student at RCC and pursuing a degree in cyber security.

LWVRV Calendar

October

Saturday	7	LWVOR Fall Workshop, In-Person or Zoom, 10-2:00 Click here for more information about the workshop on our website
Saturday	21	Sneak Preview of 2024 Ballot – Medford Library, noon-2pm
Tuesday	24	Sneak Preview of 2024 Ballot – Ashland Library, 6pm-8pm
Friday	27	Newsletter articles due
Monday	30	Sneak Preview of 2024 Ballot – Zoom, 6pm-8pm

November

Tuesday	7	Special Elections
Tuesday	21	2024 Election Cycle Discussion – Luncheon Location TBA
Monday	27	Newsletter articles due

- The League of Women Voters Rogue Valley welcomes submissions to our newsletter, *The Voters' Voice*. Editor Jim Buck can be reached at newsletter@lwvroguevalley.org and 541-830-0602.
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