



Voter Service News

by Kathleen Donham

- 1) [Vote411](#) is the voter information service used by the League of Women Voters. Local candidate details are now being copied from the Jackson and Josephine County Election offices and entered into the Vote411 database by Rogue Valley volunteers. **The [Vote411.org](#) site will be open on September 30.**

Using the contact information supplied by candidate filings, the League notifies candidates about the free listings available and gives them an opportunity to supply information about themselves and their campaign. In order to make this voter education system work, candidates must respond to questions and submit answers. If you are aware that a candidate has not responded, as a League member you can call the candidate and ask for their participation. It is easy, free advertising for the candidate.

Help Needed:

If you are willing to email or call candidates to participate, you can let the candidate know that you do not see their responses online on Vote411, or call Voter Service 541-772-5044 (local League Voter Service) and get more information about how to contact them.

2) Voter Registration can continue until October 15. Volunteers are helping voters check their registrations after showings of *Coriolanus* at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival (especially Ashland members). The following dates still need volunteers: Matinees at 3pm on Sept 7, 14, & 28, and evening performance Sept 5.



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Maureen & Kay Vega, Jim Buck, Suzanne Rothenburg, Barbara Klein, Vanya Sloan, and Olena Black for their help at OSF.

If you would like to help with Voter Registration, we are planning three events for National Voter Registration Day on September 17, Tuesday, at Rogue Community College. If there is interest in helping, we can set up tables at the public libraries. Most Oregon residents are already registered, but we can educate voters about how to use the Secretary of States QR code feature to verify the accuracy of our registration.



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Try out the QR code yourself. It will take you directly to the Secretary of State's office where you can update and verify your registration. This allows voters to check their information without sharing it with you when you are while you are assisting

3) Speakers Kits from the Oregon LWV will be available September 19 with tutorials for explaining the Ballot Measures. Are you willing to help explain measures that are on the November 5 ballot? In addition to the five statewide ballots, there are [four Jackson County measures and one Josephine County measure](#) (one ballot measure concerning Rogue Community College funding is in both counties). The League is tentatively scheduled to present information about the measures to the Rogue Valley Manor the first week of October. If sufficient volunteer help is available, we can also offer an educational meeting for the public on these measures.

- [Referral 401](#): Amends Constitution: Authorizes impeachment of statewide elected officials by Oregon Legislature with two-thirds vote by each house; establishes process.

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- [Referral 402](#): Amends Constitution: Establishes “Independent Public Service Compensation Commission” to determine salaries for specified officials; eliminates Legislative authority to set such salaries.
- [Referral 403](#): Gives voters option to rank candidates in order of preference; candidate receiving majority of votes wins.
- [Initiative 017](#): Increases highest corporate minimum taxes; distributes revenue to eligible individuals; state replaces reduced federal benefits
- [Initiative 035](#): Cannabis retailers/processors must remain neutral regarding communications to their employees from labor organizations; penalties.

4) LWVOR Voter Guides (for state candidates and measures only) **will arrive around October 4th**. Delivering these guides to the fifteen Library branches in Jackson County and the four in Josephine County is a task that may not be worth the effort at this point. If you know of an office, club, or organization that would genuinely welcome these paper guides, **please let me know (541-772-5044)**. The Voters Guides are on-line at the LWV website.



Jean Mount, Jean Buck, and Olena Black

Olen Black, LWVRV Membership Chair, organized a gathering of Josephine and Jackson County members who attended a delightful outing at The Teapot On Wheels in Gold Hill.

LWVRV members Susan Rust, Bill Mansfield, Trish Bowcock, Lorraine Werblow and Barb Barasa staffed a table at the **OLLI at SOU Open House on August 6**. Over 700 people attended from all over the Rogue Valley. LWVRV is an “OLLI Partner.”

Info about OLLI at sou.edu/olli





EVAN TUCKER (he/him)

LWV of Oregon Youth Council President

Editor's note: Last month I mistakenly identified Evan with another name in a photo with Olena Black taken during the LWVUS Convention. As you will read below, Evan grew up in the Rogue Valley. LWV of the United States just announced the creation of a National Youth Council.

Born and raised in Grants Pass, Oregon, civic engagement runs deep for Evan. He was raised by a nurse and a teacher, whose guidance strongly shaped his life trajectory. His parents' strong support for democracy and the rule of law was part of daily life during his upbringing. These values stuck with him, leading to involvement in multiple political movements in Grants Pass.

After graduating from Grants Pass High School in 2022, Evan began studying Political Science and Legal Studies at the University of Oregon. He has been heavily involved in the University through the Young Democratic Socialists of America Club, Oregon Pit Crew, and Students for Justice in Palestine. In Spring 2023, Evan was selected to attend the Oxford Consortium for Human Rights at Oxford University, studying human rights from leading activists and scholars in the field. In his second year he began working as the Civic Engagement Program Assistant for the Holden Center for Leadership and Community Engagement, where he develops and facilitates civic discussions, and registers students to vote.

Evan began his involvement with the League of Women Voters of Oregon in 2023, where he was a co-founder of the League's Youth Council, taking on the role of the Youth Voter Strategist, where he aided in the development of outreach strategies to keep youth civically engaged. In 2024, he was elected as the President of the Youth Council, and became a Board Director for the state League.

"The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them."

Ida B. Wells-Barnett - Early leader in the civil rights movement.

LWVRV Calendar

September

- Tuesday 17 RCC Voter Registration, Multiple Locations
- TBD Rogue Manor Forum
- Thursday 19 Ballot Measure Speaker Kits Available
- Friday 27 Newsletter articles due
- Wednesday 30 Vote411 Opens for Use

October

- Friday 4 LWVOR Voter Guides
- Saturday 5 Open House Meet & Greet/Unit Meeting at the Bucks
- Tuesday 15 Voter Registration Deadline
- Sunday 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@lwvr.org and 541-830-0602 (h), 541-227-4749 (c).
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- **To donate to the Rogue Valley Chapter of LWV**, [click here to go to the donation page on our website](#)