

ChapterSpot Is Coming!

This new League membership platform is set to launch in February

Under the new system, dues will be pay-what-you-can, with a recommended dues rate of \$75 and minimum dues rate of \$20. There will also be changes to membership types. [Details of these changes are available on the LWVOR website.](#) Members will continue to have a choice of paying dues by a secure online system or by check.

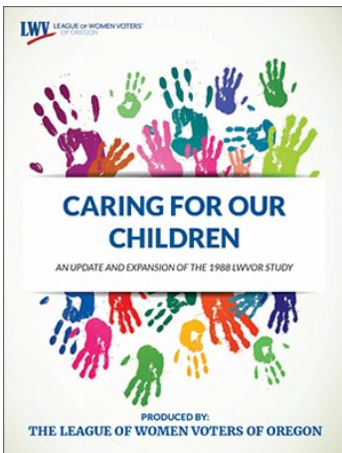
When ChapterSpot is available, the LWVRV website will have a link to the new ChapterSpot portal instead of the online payment form that is currently on our "Join/Renew" page.

When ChapterSpot is up and running, you will receive an email asking you to log in to the ChapterSpot portal and "claim your membership," i.e. connect your existing membership with your email and create a login.

Volunteers from our chapter will be available to answer questions and offer help to anyone who requests it. Contact Maggie VanDame at maggielandame@gmail.com for more information.

Consensus meeting on the LWVOR 2023 "Caring for Our Children" study of childcare methods

January 16, 3-5:30pm, Phoenix Library



Members of the LWVRV are invited to attend this meeting to participate in the consensus process for the League’s “Caring for Our Children,” study which was approved in 2023. The consensus process is essential to the development of League position statements that reflect the views of our members. “Consensus” means a general agreement by members, not a strict voting process.

Materials to review before attending the meeting:

[Caring for Our Children study, 2023](#) (pdf)

[Questions about the study that will be discussed at this consensus meeting](#) (pdf)

If you would like a printed copy of the 2023 study delivered to you, please contact Kathleen Donham at 541-772-5044 or KDonham@gmail.com

Barbara Klein, LWVRV Action Chair, will give a brief review of the LWVOR Program Planning process for 2025 at the beginning of the meeting.

LWV Rogue Valley

Upcoming Spring Activities 2025

Questions? Contact Barbara Klein at Action@lwvrv.org

January 8	6:30pm zoom	<p>LWV Action meeting. Open discussion for LWVRV members regarding personal priorities for the upcoming year. AND possible action in our LOCAL Rogue Valley based on our positions.</p> <p>Registration is required. Register here. Members will also get an email from LWVRV with a link to registration.</p>
January 9	6:30pm zoom	<p>Communications Café – the Transformation For all members statewide. (Goals of all “COMS Cafés” are to inform and connect.)</p> <p>This COMS Café will be geared toward sharing knowledge, questions, and more about the transformation to the new League structure and membership options.</p> <p>This Café is for all members, whether or not you have a specific role in the transformation in the LWV structure. It’s for national, state, and local members.</p> <p>Come if you have lots of knowledge on the transformation or none at all.</p> <p>Registration is required. Register here. Members will also get an email from LWVOR with a link to registration.</p>
January 16	3 to 5:30pm Phoenix Library	<p>There will be two parts to this meeting.</p> <p>A LWVRV consensus meeting* on the LWVOR 2023 “Caring for Our Children” study of childcare methods in Oregon. This 2023 study is an update to the earlier version of the study.</p> <p>If you haven’t read it yet, you can view and download the 2023 study on the LWVRV website.</p> <p>View and download the questions about this study that will be discussed at the consensus meeting. LWVRV chapter, not individual members, will submit answers after meeting attendees reach a consensus.</p> <p>At the beginning of this meeting, Barbara Klein, LWVRV Action Chair, will give a brief review of the LWVOR program planning process. LWV uses the planning process to establish our platform. This part of the meeting will also include a discussion of the K-12 Study Proposal (K-12 Consensus Study). We will determine if there are members who are willing to serve and if we want to form a local League committee for this purpose.</p> <p>Host: Kathleen Donham kdonham@gmail.com</p>

January 20 (MLK Day)	11:00am Zoom	LWV Action meeting. Open discussion for LWVRV members regarding personal priorities for the upcoming year and possible local action in the Rogue Valley based on our positions. (This is similar to our January 8 th meeting. Outcomes or decisions from each meeting will depend on who attends the meetings.) Registration is required. Register here . Members will also get an email from LWVRV with a link to registration.
January 29	12:30-3:30pm Ashland	LWVRV consensus meeting* for the state study: Assessing the Recall Process in Oregon. Details about this study can be found on LWVOR website: Assessing the Recall Process in Oregon Consensus questions are on page 35 of the study report (PDF). RSVP required: Olena Black RSVP@lwrv.org Address of the meeting will be given to members who RSVP.
February 10	6:30pm Zoom	Communications Café Overview of the LWVUS 2024-25 Federal Judiciary Study This study has a 1-year timeline – shorter than usual. The study's purpose includes, but is not limited to, addressing concerns and clarifying judicial accountability, transparency, independence, and ethics. The scope addresses the Supreme Court as well as the other Article III federal courts. All members statewide are welcome to attend. Online discussion groups will be formed. Watch an introductory video: Federal Judiciary Study Kickoff (1 hour) This study is not yet complete, but <i>plenty</i> of information and resources are already available. Latest details are at: 2024-2025 Federal Judiciary Study Process, Committee, and Resources . Short reports will be produced on sub-topics such as term limits. Registration required. Members will get an email from LWVOR with a link to registration for this Communications Café.
March 6	11- 2pm Ashland	LWVRV Consensus meeting* on the LWVUS 2024-25 Federal Judiciary Study . Members should review the recent newsletter article on consensus process as well as study materials that'll be available sometime in Jan. RSVP required: Trish Bowcock trishbowcock@comcast.net Address of the meeting will be given to members who RSVP. Bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages and dessert will be provided.
April	TBD	Possible K-12 Study meeting (referenced under Jan. 16 program planning above). Decisions will be made about a vote at May 2-4 state convention.

*Consensus meetings are for members only. A person can join LWVRV to take part in a study if they share our goals.

Voter Service Report

By Kathleen Donham

“Join or Die” Film Showings in Medford and Grants Pass. Open to the public.

January 22 - Rogue Community College, Riverside Campus, 101 S. Bartlett Street, Medford.

February 6 - Rogue Community College, Redwood Campus, 3345 Redwood Hwy, Grants Pass

Food trucks and live music begin at 4pm. **Film showing starts at 6pm.** The film is based on the work of Robert Putnam, author of *Bowling Alone*. [RSVP for this event here](#). Sponsored by Rogue Community Health, Rogue Community College, and Jackson Care Connect. [Event details](#).



**Professor and bestselling author
Dr. Robert Putnam says:**

***“Your chances of dying
over the next year are cut in
half by joining a group.”***

Voter Service Training

Members interested in developing skills for moderating forums, debates, and Meet ‘n’ Greets should contact Kathleen Donham at 541-772-5044 for more information. The League would like to be able to offer more of these events, and we are looking for a critical mass of members willing to host and moderate.

School Board Candidate Training

The League has been asked to offer a program giving potential school board candidates information about the process of filing and campaigning for school board positions. This event will be at the end of February. If this project interests you, please contact Voter Service at voterservice@lwvrv.org.

Civic Education Volunteers

Volunteers are needed for our local Civics Learning Project organization. The Civics Learning Project is looking for docents to assist with [Courthouse Experience Tours at the Jackson County Courthouse](#) for students grade 5-12. [Sign up to volunteer](#) as a guide for these Wednesday afternoon tours. Questions? Contact the Regional Program Manager, Timaree Joe, at tjoe@civicslearning.org.

Summary of LWV Rogue Valley Board Meeting

December 16th, 2024, via zoom

By Sally Smith

- Board members attending: Barbara Klein, Olena Black, Jean Buck, Kathleen Donham, Maggie VanDame and Sally Smith. Also attending was member Michael VanDame.
- The members attending the “Giving” meeting held at Elmer’s on Dec. 12th donated a generous amount of \$553.00 to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Medford, the agreed upon charity. It was a great time to meet fellow members and hear about the work being done by St. Vincent’s here in our community.
- Two action meetings are scheduled for January for an open discussion on Rogue Valley League members’ priorities for the upcoming year: Jan. 8 at 6:30 via zoom and Jan. 20 at 11:00 am, also on zoom. Barbara Klein will host the discussions and also will touch on the proposed K-12 Education concurrence effort or a Consensus Study (separate from the Childcare study meeting).
- On Jan. 16, from 3 pm to 5:30 PM, a Childcare study consensus meeting will be held at the Phoenix library.
- A showing of the film “Join or Die” will be shown on Jan. 22 at the Medford RCC Campus at 6 PM. The film is a documentary regarding community connections and club participation, based on the work of Robert Putnam, a political scientist. It contains interviews with Hillary Clinton, Pete Buttigieg, Priya Parker, and others.
- On Jan. 22, the first Mock Trail will be held at the Jackson County Circuit Courthouse. Volunteer scorers and judges are needed. Contact Kathleen Donham.
- The next Board meeting is scheduled for Jan. 16th at 10:30 am, via zoom. The meeting is open to all members.

As you can see, there are a lot of events coming up in January alone.

Mark your calendars and attend as many as you can. Be informed and stay informed!

LWVRV Calendar

January 2025

Wednesday	8	LWV Action – Zoom 6:30 PM
Thursday	9	Communications Café – Zoom 6:30 PM (statewide)
Thursday	16	Childcare Methods – Phoenix Library, 3-5:30 PM
Thursday	16	LWVRV Board Meeting – Zoom 10:30
Monday	20	LWV Action – Zoom 11:00 AM
Monday	27	Newsletter articles due
Wednesday	29	Recall Process – Olena Black’s Home, 12:30-3:30 PM

February

February	10	Communications Café – Zoom 6:30 (statewide)
Friday	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,** [go to lwvr.org/donate](http://lwvr.org/donate)