



# Clackson Voter



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

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## April General Meeting The Supreme Court: Change, Status and Uncertainty

**Monday, April 16  
1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.  
Oswego Pointe Clubhouse  
5065 Foothills Dr., Lake Oswego**



Dr. Christopher Shortell will address the vital role played by the United States Supreme Court at the April meeting of the League of Women Voters of Clackamas County. The meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. on Monday, April 16 at the Oswego Pointe Clubhouse.

Dr. Shortell is an Associate Professor and Chair of the Political Science Department in the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University. He writes and teaches about the relationship between law and the broader political system. His particular focus is on the interactions between law and society, law and elections, and federalism.

His recent publications include Rights, Remedies and the Impact of State Sovereign Immunity (SUNY Press) and articles in *Political Research Quarterly*, *Justice System Journal*, *Publis: The Journal of Federalism*, *Election Law Journal*, *University of Pittsburg Law Review*, and *Judicature*. He received his Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of California, San Diego, and previously taught at California State University, Northridge.

## Lunch & Learn



**Friday, April 27**

**11:30 -1:00**

**Szechuan Kitchen -- 15450 Boones Ferry Road**

**\$15.00, payable at door**

**Topic: Creating a Food and Travel Website from the Ground Up**

**Speaker:** Nancy Zaffaro, editor and writer for [ConfettiTravelCafe.com](http://ConfettiTravelCafe.com). She is a resident of West Linn who has met the challenge of pulling together her talent for writing and her love of food and travel into an unusual and substantive website. You will hear her story of how she, as an individual, created her vision of a dream job, including all the vicissitudes, obstacles, and peaks and valleys involved in her quest.

**RSVP:** Karen Griffin, [karen.griffin80@gmail.com](mailto:karen.griffin80@gmail.com) or 503-635-0985

**Friends Welcome!**

## Dine & Discourse

**Monday, April 23, 6:30 pm**



“In today’s political climate students around the nation are playing a larger role in the democracy and activist spaces. Student activists are enthusiastic to participate in the political process and eager to find mentors and organizations to guide them. The League of Women Voters is in a great position to both guide these new student activists and learn from them.” \*

Do you share the sense of urgency that these activist students have put forth on gun safety and women’s rights issues? How might the League assist in their movement and use our expertise to help them influence government? These are questions to ponder in our next Dine and Discourse.

Join us as we enjoy a no-host meal in a private room featuring good food and conversation. We offer an opportunity to share your concerns about the political scene in a congenial, small-group atmosphere. Spouses and friends are welcome!

**Time:** Monday, April 23 from 6:30 to 8:45pm

**Place:** White Orchid Thai Cuisine

18740 Willamette Drive, West Linn

(You can review their menu at <http://whiteorchidthaicuisine.com/>)

To reserve a spot:

**Please RSVP by Saturday, April 21:**

email Libby Medley ([medleylj@gmail.com](mailto:medleylj@gmail.com)) or leave a message with Marge Easley ([503-701-5953](tel:503-701-5953))

\*MLD Guidance on Opportunities May 2018.

## Gun Safety in the News!

*Marge Easley*

Leagues across the nation are playing an active role in gun safety, and LWV Oregon is no exception. On March 5, I was fortunate to witness the official signing of the Boyfriend Loophole Bill by Governor Kate Brown on the steps of the Capitol. This was the first piece of gun safety legislation in the nation following the Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, and it was inspiring to be a part of the huge crowd of gun safety activists, legislators, and high school students who were there to celebrate this accomplishment.

In the last few weeks it has been even more inspiring to see the student-led gun violence prevention (GVP) movement take shape and to walk on March 24 alongside thousands of people who believe that now is the time to pass meaningful gun legislation. But an equally momentous event occurred on March 26 when petitioners from Portland's religious community and GVP supporters gathered at the Capitol to file over 3,000 signatures to begin the process of placing Initiative Petition 43 on the November ballot in Oregon. This initiative would restrict the sale, production and ownership of assault weapons and accessories, as well as high-capacity magazines. After the Secretary of State's office verifies 1,000 valid signatures, the Attorney General can begin the ballot title drafting process. An appeal is likely, but it is possible signature gathering may begin as early as June. Please consider volunteering for this effort, since we will have a short window of time to gather over 88,000 signatures.

### LWVCC Primary Election Activities

- Our League has been asked to moderate the **House District 39 Candidate Forum** (Rep. Bill Kenemer's former district) on Thursday, **April 26, 6:30 p.m.**, at the Charbonneau Clubhouse, 32000 SW Charbonneau Drive, Wilsonville. Five legislative candidates have been invited to participate.
- Taping for the **Video Voters Guide will take place April 9-12, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**, at Tualatin Valley Community Television (TVCTV), 15201 NW Greenbrier Pkwy, Beaverton. Sixty-five candidates have been invited, including all statewide candidates and candidates in uncontested races in Washington County and the areas of Lake Oswego, Lake Grove, Rivergrove, and West Linn in Clackamas County. Volunteers are needed for interviewers and greeters. The 10-minute interviews will be available via the LWVOR website or TVCTV YouTube channel. Contact Marge Easley ([marge.easley@frontier.com](mailto:marge.easley@frontier.com), 503-701-5953) if you are able to help.
- LWVOR Primary Election Voters Guides for statewide candidates will soon be available at local libraries.

### Save the Dates!

**Annual Meeting: May 19**, Mary's Woods 1:30 pm.

**Patio Party: June 9**, Red Fox Hills Clubhouse, 11:30 a.m. Speaker DeDe Montgomery, Author of *My Music Man*

## News from LWVUS\*

### **March for Our Lives**

On March 24 students, parents and concerned Americans congregated in Washington D.C., and other cities across the country, to demand that their lives and safety become a priority and that we finally put an end the epidemic of mass school shootings.

Last weekend we marched. And we intend to keep moving. [Our passionate members and volunteers were out in full-force](#), helping organize events in their communities and registering voters to ensure those speaking out are heard at the ballot box this year.

We marched for the lives of America's children. We marched to say, "It's time to stop the violence." [Join the millions of students, parents and concerned Americans today and call on Congress to pass common-sense solutions to curb gun violence.](#)

### **LWV Kansas Gets Its Day in Court**

Earlier this month we heard from Kansans denied their freedom because of a terrible voting law. In *Fish v. Kobach*, the League of Women Voters of Kansas is fighting against the state's shameful documentary proof-of-citizenship law.

The Kansas law being challenged violates the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA). Tens of thousands of Kansans have been denied the right to vote and the law has had a major impact on the way LWV Kansas does voter registration drives in the state. [Learn more about the case here.](#)

### ***Benisek v. Lamone***

This year, the Supreme Court has taken up two cases on partisan gerrymandering. One deals with a Republican gerrymander in Wisconsin, the other is about a Democratic gerrymander in Maryland.

Last Fall we rallied to stand for fair districts in the Wisconsin case, *Gill v. Whitford*. And, this week, we gathered on the steps of the Supreme Court again to say, **No matter who does it, gerrymandering is wrong 100% of the time.**

Learn more about this new case [in our blog](#).

### **Victory for Pennsylvania!**

In a victory for Pennsylvania voters, the U.S. Supreme Court declined [to block the recently redrawn Pennsylvania congressional districts](#) from moving forward.

This is a huge victory for Pennsylvanians. Moving forward, the votes of Pennsylvanians will not be diluted by the unconstitutional extreme partisan gerrymandering of its congressional districts. In the 2018 election, voters will be voting under new, fairer maps. The League in Pennsylvania initiated this lawsuit in the summer of 2017 because [voters deserve the right for their voices to be heard](#) regardless of party affiliation or address. This victory is an important first step toward slaying the gerrymander.

\*From the March 31, 2018 LWVUS newsletter

## First call for Annual Meeting

**Saturday, May 19 at 1:30**

It's almost time for our annual business meeting where members gather together to talk about our local organization, our ideas for budgeting our resources, both in volunteer time and money. What topics are timely and important that will interest our members and include others in our community?

We will meet at **Mary's Woods**. As usual, we will have refreshments to enjoy in their lovely Sandpiper Room. Please mark your calendar to join us!

### In Memory of Ardis Stevenson

Our League recently lost longtime vital participant with the death of Ardis Stevenson. In honor of her many contributions to the League, we're having a tribute for Ardis at Annual Meeting on May 19th. Members are encouraged to share their memories of her.

## Coming Events

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**Dine & Discourse: Monday, April 23, 6:30 to 8:45 pm, White Orchid Thai Cuisine, 18740 Willamette Drive, West Linn. RSVP: Libby Medley ([medleylj@gmail.com](mailto:medleylj@gmail.com)) by April 22.**

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**LWVOR Council: May 4-6, Gold Beach**

### Lost Gloves?

Who belongs to the lovely red knit gloves left at the General Meeting on Hanford held at the Heritage House? Norma Jean Germond (503-636-4251) will bring them to the Oswego Point Clubhouse at our next meeting, Monday, April 16.



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## Join the League of Women Voters!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

- I am a new member.
- I am renewing my membership.
- This is a gift membership. (Please provide the recipient's contact information above.)
- I am interested in volunteering for the League. Please contact me.

Annual dues: \$70 Individual. \$105 Household. \$35 Full-time student attending an accredited institution or adult under age 35. Membership grants are available.

Total Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to League of Women Voters of Clackamas County.

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