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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

APRIL 2017

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APRIL GENERAL MEETING

“National Popular Vote Compact: Making our Votes Count”

April 11, 1:30-3:00
Oswego Heritage House
398 10th Street, Lake Oswego

This event is open to the public, so guests will be warmly welcomed!

Don't miss this presentation on why the National Popular Vote (NPV) Compact is needed, how it works, and what we can do to help pass NPV legislation in Oregon. Marge Easley, who heads up LWVOR advocacy on this issue, will lead the discussion. Although LWVUS has officially supported NPV since 2010, the 2016 Election has reignited public interest on the inherent flaws of the Electoral College and the importance of ensuring that all votes matter equally in electing a President.

In a nutshell, the National Popular Vote Compact is one way to achieve the goal of “one person, one vote” without abolishing the Electoral College or changing the Constitution. It is an agreement among participating states to guarantee the Presidency to the candidate who receives the most popular votes in the country. NPV legislation passed the Oregon House in 2009, 2013, and 2015 but failed to get a Senate hearing, so the League and many other groups have come together to try once more. Legislators are wavering, so NPV forums such as this one are being held around the state to educate voters and inspire advocacy on this issue. Please join us!

Day at the Legislature, April 21

The annual Day at the Legislature is coming up soon on Friday, April 21. This is your chance to visit the Capitol and get an in depth look at the League's legislative advocacy. Socialize with fellow Leaguers, have a great lunch, and get inside information that you won't find in the newspaper! Register by April 12 on the attached form or [online](#). Carpools are now forming, so please contact Marge Easley if you'd like to join us.

Oil and Coal Trains in the Gorge

Nancy Murray

Those of us who attended March's general meeting enjoyed very much the presentation by Ryan Rittenhouse of the Friends of the Gorge. We learned that both coal and oil travel on the Washington side of the Gorge, and oil on the Oregon side. The 3-6 daily trains are each one mile long. The Friends have allied with other groups in court using violations of the Clean Water Act against BASF Railways Co. to affect change in the way coal is currently transported in open cars (a settlement in principle has been reached).

The big juggernaut is the oil terminal proposed by Tesoro and Savage companies at the Port of Vancouver that would bring heavy rail traffic through the Gorge. (The Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council awaits the completion of the Final Environmental Impact Statement, EIS, so it can begin deliberations.)

Our state LWV is already on the case! Our climate change policy portfolio chair, Claudia Keith, has written testimony (with charts showing the number of oil spills from rail accidents) in support of HR 2131 relating to the safe transport of hazardous materials including fossil fuels. Some of the provisions sought include contingency plans and training for oil train-related spills; fees on RRs to improve oil spill response and require adequate insurance to cover worst-case oil train derailments. Testimony is on our LWVOR website.

You can follow the path of HB 2131, HB 3344, and SB 7 easily at <http://gov.oregonlive.com>. It is early yet and there have been no committee votes at this time. The Mosier oil spill and fire of June 2016 were a lucky wake up call to Oregonians that with time and numerous trains another oil spill is bound to happen

here again. Also check out the website for Friends of the Gorge to see other ways they are working to protect our treasured National Scenic Area.

In Memory: Jay Medley

Jay Medley was born in Los Angeles, CA on June 30, 1941. He married Libby in 1971 and was rescued from the heat and smog a couple years later when they moved to Lake Oswego. After watching his wife



and then daughter get caught up in the fun of League membership, he joined in 1998, and became actively involved both in working on local studies and in fundraising.

Recognized as a top League raffle ticket seller multiple years, he went door to door around Lake Oswego introducing himself as a male member of the Women Voters organization. Moving from Lake Oswego to the hinterlands southeast of Sandy in 2005, he assisted with the Emergency Preparedness study as a new resident of a rural area of our county, understanding the need for radio communication between emergency teams in the rugged terrain of the Cascade foothills. Later he joined the Library study team, investigating the value of a countywide support system.

He died at home on February 25, essentially six months after being diagnosed with an aggressive yet pain-free form of lymphoma. He will be missed. A celebration of his life will be held at the Lake Oswego United Methodist Church, Saturday, April 8 at 1:00 pm. Donations in his name are suggested for the League or for his other love, the Tualatin River National Wildlife Refuge in Sherwood, OR.

Welcome, New Members!

Hilly Alexander, Membership

Doris Robins, Lake Oswego

Robin Walters, Lake Oswego

They joined or rejoined our League in the last few weeks. We now have 85 members in the LWVCC. If you know of anybody who would like to join our League but can't afford the annual dues, please have them talk to me or anybody else on the Board of Directors.

Is your daughter or granddaughter turning 16? Why not give her a League membership for her birthday? Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of the LWVCC, the League of Women Voters of Oregon, and the League of Women Voters of the United States.

Join us for Lunch & Learn

April 28, 11:30 a.m., Szechuan Kitchen,
15450 Boones Ferry Rd., Lake Oswego

Speaker: Louise Mengelkoch

Join your League colleagues for lunch and learn about one woman's close-up view of major political events as a journalism professor and what she learned from her college students who accompanied her.



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SAVE THE DATE

Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 20 at 10 a.m.

Oswego Pointe Clubhouse, Foothills Dr. Lake Oswego

Business meeting and refreshments

Coming Events

General Meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 1:30 – 3:00 PM, “National Popular Vote Compact: Making our Votes Count”, Oswego Heritage House, 398 10th Street, Lake Oswego

LWVOR Day at the Legislature, April 21, 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Oregon State Capitol, Room 50, 900 Court St, Salem. See registration form on page 5 or register online at <http://lwvor.org/event/day-legislature-2017/>.

LWVCC Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 24: 9:30 a.m. Social, 9:45 AM Meeting, Pacific West Bank, West Linn

Lunch and Learn: Friday, April 28: Speaker: Louise Mengelkoch, 11:30 a.m., Szechuan Kitchen, 15450 Boones Ferry Rd., Lake Oswego.

LWOR Convention 2017, Engaging our Communities, Preserving Our Principles, May 5-7, 2017
Holiday Inn, Portland South/Wilsonville Oregon

LWVCC Annual Meeting, Saturday, May 20 at 10 a.m., Oswego Pointe Clubhouse, Foothills Dr. Lake Oswego



Join us on April 21st, from 9:30am-2pm at the Capitol!

Day at the Legislature is hosted by the **League of Women Voters of Oregon**. With revenue being the most important issue facing the legislature this session, our Day at the Legislature will feature speakers who will give us the details and offer some possible solutions.

Register by April 12th! Please call or email the state office if you are mailing your check close to the April 12th deadline: lwvor@lwvor.org; 503-581-5722

Event Details:

April 21st 9:30am-2pm
Oregon State Capitol,
Room 50 900 Court St

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Salem, OR 97301

Event Registration —Day at the Legislature 2017

Name: _____ League: _____ Address: _____

\$18.00

Ticket & Lunch: \$28.00 Lunch

Options (circle one): Mesquite Chicken Wrap Turkey Wrap Roast Beef Wrap Veggie

Wrap Parking Pass: \$15.50

Send form and payment to the LWVOR state office at 1330 12th St SE Suite 200 Salem OR, 97302



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- 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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