



# Clackson Voter



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

APRIL 2019

## LWVCC Leaders

### Executive Committee:

Pam Ashland  
Marge Easley  
Nancy Murray

### Secretary:

Pam Ashland

Treasurer: Nancy Murray

### Directors:

Voter Service: Judi Umaki,  
Katie Lu

Program Chair: Robina  
Ingram-Rich

Clackson & Website:  
Karan Kuntz

Membership: Hilly  
Alexander

Action: Marge Easley,  
Janice Green

### Off Board:

Nominating Committee:  
Mike Taylor

Budget chair: Sarah  
Chaplen

### Unit Leaders:

Betty Barber  
Jean Hoffman  
Katie Lu  
June Routson

## April General Meeting

**Clackamas County: Current Issues and Future Challenges**  
**Speaker: Clackamas County Commissioner Ken Humberston**

**Wednesday, April 17, 1:30 p.m**

**Oswego Heritage House, 398 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Lake Oswego**

We are pleased to have Ken Humberston, one of the five Clackamas County Commissioners, speak to us on the state of the county. Elected to the Commission in 2016, Commissioner Humberston has held other elective offices and has a varied background in law enforcement, teaching, and advisory boards.

Recently at the forefront of concerns to the Commission and basic to the daily challenge of providing services to county citizens are the budgets to fund those services. Commissioner Humberston will give us his insights on the county budget to be formally adopted by June 30 for 2019-2020; a newer process for developing the 2020-2021 budget; the vehicle registration fee to fund transportation, adopted in February of this year; and the difficulties in structuring of services to fit budgetary constraints. (See page 2 for an Observer's update on Board of County Commissioners meetings.)



## Lunch & Learn

**Friday, April 26, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Szechuan Kitchen, 15450 Boones Ferry Road, Lake Oswego**

**\$15.00, payable at door**

**RSVP: Sonja Kollias, 503-636-2187, [vskollias@aol.com](mailto:vskollias@aol.com)**

Speaker to be arranged.



Day at the Legislature: April 29  
Annual Meeting: May 4, 10:00 a.m.

## Board of County Commissioners Report

*Janice Green, Observer*

The Clackamas County Board of County Commissioners has been very involved this past month with adjustments to a budget for the period from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020. This budget is a concern, as a quick summation of the current status shows that the county will be about three million dollars short of income next year just to maintain services at the current level. Departments were directed to submit a “maintenance” budget, showing no increases, but even with no changes, costs will increase one to three percent per year. Uncertainties about the level of funding from the State of Oregon and unavoidable unpredictable events further complicate planning. It also helps to understand that the commissioners and staff are adjusting to a new county administrator, as well as more than one newly employed, very high-level expert on the county fiscal staff, responsible for budgeting and accounting. It is a good time to keep the process as simple as possible.

It is clear that the 2020-2021 budget process will involve some fairly steep changes. Clackamas County Departments have been gearing up over a period of years for “Management for Results” (MFR) strategies that link data to measurable service goals, which then get translated into budget numbers for the upcoming budget cycle. We will be hearing a lot more about MFR in the coming months.

Other recent county concerns include a) strong outreach to the community over the need for the Vehicle Registration Fee (including a new advisory committee for choosing priorities); b) facilitating a smooth flow of affairs to the commission from and to staff; c) planning for the new county courthouse (a major and very expensive effort); d) energetic representation of the county at the federal and state levels (while still maintaining a quorum for meetings on Tuesdays and Thursday, and some Wednesdays); and e) coordinating with Metro over proposals for the 2020 bond issue.

The League has invited Commissioner Ken Humberston to speak at the April 17 General Meeting at the Oswego Heritage House. He will give a “state of the county” talk, along with discussing upcoming budget issues and funding of services, from roads and infrastructure to housing and the courthouse.

## Day at the Legislature, April 29

Registration is now open for [Day at the Legislature](#), a fun outing and a great way to learn more about the 2019 Legislative Session from a range of interesting speakers and League action team members. Here are the details:

When: April 29th, 9:30-3pm

Where: Willamette Heritage Center, Dye House Room, 1313 Mill St SE, Salem

For carpool information, contact Marge Easley, [marge.easley@frontier.com](mailto:marge.easley@frontier.com).

## Dine & Discourse



Please join us for our next Dine and Discourse on Monday, April 22, 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. We gather for intelligent conversation about current events and our League's role in making a difference. This month we will focus on our current state legislative session, mentioning successes and struggles in moving our League agenda forward. This discussion may help you in preparing to attend the LWVOR Day at the Legislature the following Monday, April 29, in Salem.

We enjoy a delicious dinner at White Orchid Thai Food, 18740 Willamette Drive, West Linn (on the lower level below Bugatti's). We have a special area at the back of the restaurant, which provides a more private atmosphere and less background noise. We receive individual checks for ease in paying. You can review their menu at <http://whiteorchidthaicuisine.com/>.

Non-League members are also welcome, so feel free to bring along a friend or significant other. Please RSVP by April 20 to Libby Medley, [medleylj@gmail.com](mailto:medleylj@gmail.com), or try calling 503-668-8520 (there is no answer machine).

## Hard Rock Mining Study

Our state League study produced excellent every member material, thanks in good part to editor, **Karan Kuntz**, who put quite a bit of time in to seeing the study take its final form. Thirty members attended units ready to tackle a new topic that most of us knew nothing about before reading the material. A committee will review each local League consensus and write a position reflecting a consensus. In the future League will be able to testify to proposed legislation or rules regarding permitting of future mining projects. Many thanks to presenters at units who took on this challenge: **Judi Umaki, Marge Easley, Karan Kuntz, and Pam Ashland.**

## Coming Events

**General Meeting: Wednesday, April 17** See page 1 for details

**Dine & Discourse, Monday, April 22, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.:** White Orchid Thai Food, West Linn

**LWVCC Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 23:** 9:30 a.m. Social, 9:45 a.m. Meeting, Pacific West Bank, West Linn

**Lunch & Learn: Friday, April 26, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.,**

Szechuan Kitchen, 15450 Boones Ferry Road, Lake Oswego

Cost: \$15.00, payable at door

RSVP: Sonja Kollias, 503-636-2187, [vskollias@aol.com](mailto:vskollias@aol.com)

**Annual Meeting: May 4:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:15, Oswego Pointe Clubhouse, 5033 Foothills Road Lake Oswego



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
of Clackamas County  
PO Box 411  
Lake Oswego, OR 97034  
lwvclackamas@lwvclackamas.org  
www.lwvclackamas.org

## Join the League of Women Voters!

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email

- 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. Full-time student attending an accredited institution or adult under age 25 free! Membership grants are available.

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

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

Mail to: LWVCC, PO Box 411, Lake Oswego, OR 97034