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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

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February General Meeting

What's Happening at Hanford?

When: February 14, 2:00-4:00 pm

**Where: Oswego Heritage House
398 10th Street, Lake Oswego**



This free event is open to the public, so please invite your friends!

We are fortunate to have **Ken Niles** as our speaker, who will address the history and ongoing cleanup of the enormous amounts of stockpiled radioactive wastes of the Hanford Nuclear Site. Hanford is currently the most contaminated nuclear site in the United States and is the focus of the nation's largest environmental cleanup.

As Assistant Director for Nuclear Safety of the Oregon Department of Energy, Niles manages Oregon's involvement in cleanup at the Hanford Nuclear Site, the safe transport of radioactive materials through Oregon, and emergency preparedness in the event of a nuclear accident or petroleum shortage.

Niles is Governor Brown's designee as State Liaison Officer to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission and represents Oregon on the Northwest Interstate Compact on Low-level Radioactive Waste Management. Since 1992, he has directed State of Oregon's radioactive material transport safety program and has represented Oregon on the Western Governors' Association Technical Advisory Group for Transport Safety. He also currently chairs the Western Interstate Energy Board's High-Level Waste Committee and represents Oregon on the National Governors' Association Federal Facility Task Force, the State and Tribal Government Working Group, and the Hanford Advisory Board.

Prior to joining the Oregon Department of Energy in 1989, he spent 11 years as a broadcast news reporter, working in both radio and television. A native Oregonian, Niles earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern Oregon State College in March 1992.

Lunch & Learn



****Note that the date has been changed from the usual last Friday of the month to avoid conflicting with our Day at the Legislature on Feb 23!**

**March 2, 11:30 -- 1:00
Szechuan Kitchen -- 15450 Boones Ferry Road
\$15.00, payable at door**

Scot Siegel of Planning Department in Lake Oswego will speak on Affordable Housing in Lake Oswego. How much do we have? How much do we need? How is it determined? What are plans for the future?

RSVP: Karen Griffin, 503-635-0985 or karen.griffin80@gmail.com

Civil Discourse: Letting Go of Winning

How can we do a better job of fostering civil discourse in today's polarized world? It may seem like an impossible task when bombarded by examples of angry rhetoric from both sides. Our first reaction is to defend our own positions by insisting that "our side" is right, and the "other side" is wrong. Yet it's important to remember that the art of true civil discourse starts with listening and letting go of the idea of winning and losing.

Here are some excellent words of advice from a *Common Dreams* article (March 6, 2016) by Zoe Weil, entitled "Civil Discourse Leads to Positive Change: Insults Do Not."

"Ironically, it is when we are not competing to be "right" that we are most likely to have our perspectives adopted by others. Civil discourse isn't just a better path for living and working together peacefully; it is a better path strategically if we want our ideas to be thoughtfully considered and potentially embraced by others.

If you're really angry and desperately want positive change, then civil discourse is your best path forward. Venting your anger publicly isn't only counterproductive, it's also selfish. It doesn't serve your greater goal; it only serves your most frustrated self. And given all the terrible, destructive, dangerous things that are happening in our society and the world, we need to harness the energy of our rage for positive purposes and meaningful change.

Civil discourse is a practice. It requires deep commitment (and deep breaths). But it works better than anything else to create the foundation for collaboration toward positive change-making that meets the needs of all stakeholders."

This article is part of a continuing series of articles on Civil Discourse by Marge Easley.

The Clackamas County League has 90 Members!

68 primary members

11 additional household members

11 honorary members who have been in the League for 50 or more years!

If you know of anybody who is interested in joining our League, please encourage them to contact me. Hilly Alexander, Membership (hillya4@gmail.com)

Advocacy Update

Marge Easley, LWVCC Action Chair

As LWVCC Action Chair, it's my job to keep a watchful eye on a number of community issues, in case we decide to take action based on our positions. Since our county is a large one, with multiple jurisdictions, I'm not able to follow every issue, so I'd welcome member input about local matters of interest. Here are some items that have recently caught my attention in the Wilsonville area:

- A bill may soon be introduced in the upcoming Legislative Session to circumvent standard Oregon land use and public process laws to allow the Aurora Airport to expand its runway, leading to increased traffic and industrial development.
- A number of cities in Clackamas and Washington Counties are very concerned about the Kinder Morgan high-pressure gasoline pipeline that flows near Wilsonville's water treatment facility, soon to expand to serve Beaverton, Tigard, and Hillsboro. They're asking for the installation of shutoff valves to be used in case of rupture, which are only required by federal law to protect a "high consequence area."

In addition, I'm also a member of the state Action Committee, with responsibility for two portfolio areas: gun safety and National Popular Vote. As you're probably aware, the "short" 2018 Legislative Session begins on February 5, so I'll soon be making lots of trips to the Capitol. I'd love to have company, so please let me know if you want to tag along to see our Legislature at work. You can follow the League's impressive legislative work from home by reading the *LWVOR Legislative Report*, emailed weekly during the session to all members with email addresses and available online at www.lwvor.org. Also, for a fun and informative day, I highly recommend you join us for **Day at the Legislature on February 23** (see attached registration form) for an in-depth League perspective of the session.

Day at the Legislature Carpool

If you would like to join a carpool to Day at the Legislature on February 23, please contact Marge Easley (marge.easley@frontier.com).

Dine & Discourse

Monday, February 19, 6:30 pm



Are you looking for an alternative to the angry, polarizing rhetoric in the media today? Join us for good food and intelligent conversation at the next Dine & Discourse on Monday, February 19, 6:30 pm., at White Orchid Thai Cuisine, 18740 Willamette Drive, West Linn. You can view the menu at <http://whiteorchidthaicuisine.com/>. To reserve a spot, please contact Libby Medley (medleylj@gmail.com) by February 17.

Upcoming LWV of Portland Program

“Voices of the Homeless” Panel Discussion

Please join us in hearing about the challenges homeless people have overcome and what they see as useful strategies for confronting this problem.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 7:00 PM(DOORS OPEN AT 6:30)

MULTNOMAH COUNTY BUILDING, **501 SE HAWTHORNE, PORTLAND, OR**

This program is free and open to the public.

The program will be recorded by Metro East Media for rebroadcast after the program, and will be available on the League of Women Voters website, lwvpx.org. Funding for the recording is provided by the Multnomah Bar Foundation.

Parking is available on the street. Multnomah County Building is easily accessed by public transportation. Trimet options include bus lines 4, 6, 10, 14, 15 and the Portland Streetcar.

Coming Events

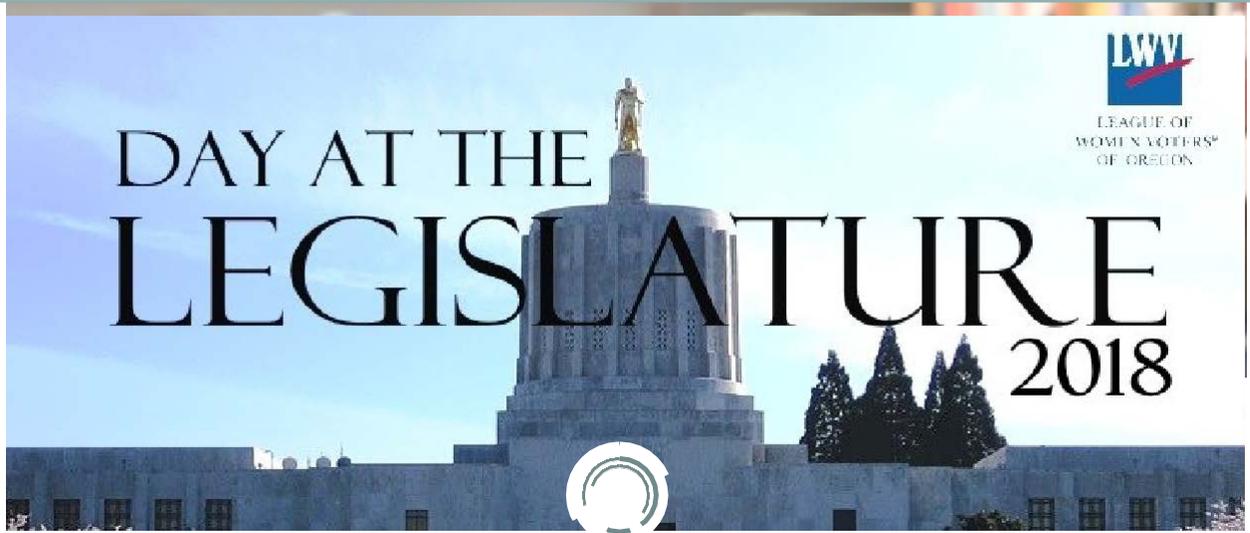
General Meeting: February 14: 2:00 – 4:00 pm, Heritage House, 398 10th Street, Lake Oswego. Topic: What’s Happening at Hanford?

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Day at the Legislature, February 23, 9:30 am – 2:00 pm, Oregon State Library, Rooms 102 and 103, 250 Winter Street NE, Salem. Register by February 16 online or mail attached form.

LWVCC Board Meeting: Tuesday, February 27: 9:30 a.m. Social, 9:45 AM Meeting, Pacific West Bank, West Linn

Lunch & Learn: March 2, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm, Szechuan Kitchen, 15450 Boones Ferry Road, \$15.00, payable at door. Scot Siegel of Planning Department in Lake Oswego will speak on **Affordable Housing in Lake Oswego. RSVP: Karen Griffin, 503-635-0985 or karen.griffin80@gmail.com**



Join us on February 23rd, from 9:30am-2pm at the State Library!

Day at the Legislature is hosted by the **League of Women Voters of Oregon**.

Registration begins at 9:30, lunch at noon.

Register by February 16th! Please call or email the state office if you are mailing your check close to the February 16th deadline: lwvor@lwvor.org; 503-581-5722

Event Details:

February 23rd 9:30am-2pm
 Oregon State Library, Rooms 102 and 103 250
 Winter St NE
 Salem, OR 97301

Event Registration —Day at the Legislature 2018

Name: _____ League: _____

Address: _____ State, Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____ Ticket _____

Options (circle one): Ticket (no lunch): \$20.00 Ticket & Lunch: \$30.00 Lunch

Options (circle one): Thai Chicken Wrap Honey Must. Turkey Wrap Roast Beef Wrap Club Ranch 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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Address _____

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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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