



# Clackson Voter



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

February 2020

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## February General Meeting

### “What’s Happening at Metro”

### Christine Lewis, Metro Councilor (District 2)

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

1:30 pm in the afternoon

Oswego Heritage House

398 10th Street, Lake Oswego

The February meeting will begin at 1:30 for an overview of upcoming programs for the League, including celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment.

At 2:00 Metro Councilor Christine Lewis will present status updates on transportation and regional investments in housing, parks and nature from recently passed bond measures.

Metro is the regional governmental agency serving Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties. The Metro Council is composed of a president, elected region wide, and six councilors elected by district. Metro is concerned with region wide planning and coordination, infrastructure and development issues, and oversees the region’s solid waste system - garbage, recycling and composting. Metro manages 17,000 acres of parks, trails and natural areas. Its visitor venues include the Oregon Zoo, Oregon Convention Center, Portland Expo Center and Portland’s Centers for the Arts.

District 2 includes Gladstone, Johnson City, Lake Oswego, Milwaukie, Happy Valley, Oregon City, Rivergrove, West Linn, a portion of Southwest Portland and unincorporated parts of Clackamas County. Christine Lewis was sworn into office in January 2019. She serves on the Willamette Locks Commission, the Willamette Falls Partners Group, and the Oregon Zoo Foundation Board. She is also the chair of the West Linn Historic Review Board.

Invite friends, family and the rest of the public. Carpooling is encouraged.

**Parking:** There is parking at Oswego Heritage House and additional parking at Christ Church Episcopal Parish at 1060 Chandler Road. Public transportation: TriMet bus #78 stops near the Oswego Heritage House on Country Club Road. TriMet bus #35 stops at the Lake Oswego Transit Center [downtown Safeway] 1/2 mile away.

## Observing the City Council of Lake Oswego: January 2020

*Ellen Pierson*

Issues concerning the Lake Oswego City Council during the month of January include:

- \* Luscher Farm Concept Plan - City will request approval of a concept plan for Luscher Farm that will be submitted to Metro as part of the City's application to amend the Portland Metro Urban Growth Boundary to accommodate the current and long-term needs for the Farm including: 1) urban agriculture uses and programs; 2) athletic fields; 3) connecting trails and pathways.
- \* Tryon Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant - Council authorized spending \$450,000 for consulting services to provide additional information regarding the feasibility of 1) a public-private partnership to design, build, finance and operate a new wastewater treatment plant or 2) making the required upgrades to the existing plant through the operation of City's partnership with the City of Portland.
- \* Speed Limit Changes - Council will request the Transportation Advisory Board to develop policies or guidelines on the use of 20 MPH speed limits in residential areas.
- \* Transient Lodging Tax - City amended its Transient Lodging Tax Ordinance to require transient lodging intermediaries to register, collect and pay transient room taxes

### Remembering Matt Finnigan

It is with equal parts sadness and fondness that we remember Matt, a longtime Lake Oswego public servant, citizen activist, 40-year League member (joining when we had very few men), and all-around great guy. Matt worked long and hard with Sherry in founding and energizing the Lake Grove Neighborhood Association, back when the City of Lake Oswego was still writing its Comprehensive Plan and planning for city development. In 1976, Matt was elected to the City Council, a pivotal time in a growing city that didn't have a proper City Hall yet.

Those who spent any time with Matt would enjoy his upbeat nature, sense of humor, optimism that things could be improved if one put the time and work in to do so (perhaps from his Eagle Scout days). He was a delightful person to be around. That was on full display when he was Santa for many years at our annual winter brunch and raffle. We appreciate that his heart was in the right place. As fellow citizens, we are grateful that he was so active in doing right for Lake Grove and Lake Oswego.

We send our sincere condolences to his wife and fellow Leaguer Sherry, and their three sons. Matt will be missed.

### Save February 17 for the next Dine & Discourse



Our Dine and Discourse group gathers for intelligent conversation about current events and the status of the world, and reflects on our role in making a difference, while enjoying a delicious dinner at a local restaurant. Join us in just being ourselves, sharing our views, experiences and wisdom for the challenges we see ahead.

On Monday, Feb. 17, 6:45 to 8:45 pm, we return to the White Orchid Thai Food, located at 18740 Willamette Drive, West Linn (on the lower level below Bugatti's).

The no-host process--order from the menu and pay separately--makes things easy.

Our usual special area in the back is removed from the restaurant noise. The menu offers a wide variety of choices: <http://whiteorchidthaicuisine.com/>

Non-League members are also welcome, so feel free to bring a friend or significant other. Please RSVP by February 15 to Libby Medley, [medleylj@gmail.com](mailto:medleylj@gmail.com), or call 503-668-8520 (no answer machine).

## Action News

Marge Easley

### 2020 Legislative Session

The fast-paced 2020 session, starting on February 3 and ending on March 7, is now underway and promises to be jam-packed with important issues. Make sure you are [signed up](#) to receive the *LWVOR Legislative Report*, which is sent weekly during the session via email and summarizes League legislative advocacy.

This session I'm once again following gun safety bills for the LWVOR Action Committee, including [HB 4005](#), relating to the safe storage requirements for firearms, and [SB 1538](#), relating to the ability of local government to regulate firearms in public buildings. I will also testify in support of [HB 4131](#), which ensures sufficient and stable funding for the Family Preservation Project, housed at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. Those of you who attended our 2018 Holiday Party may remember the heartfelt presentation by participants in the program, which helps women inmates maintain connections with their children and prepare for their lives after incarceration.

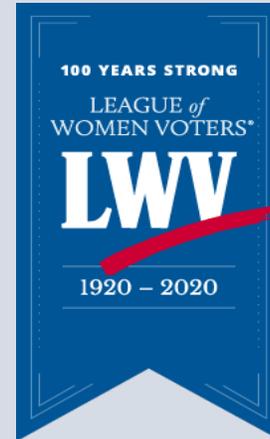
## Lunch & Learn



Join your League colleagues for lunch and meet Patrick Malee, Editor of the Lake Oswego Review. He will speak about the current status of local and national print journalism.

Hope to see you there! Guests are welcome.

- Friday, February 28: 11:30 a.m.
- Szechuan Kitchen 15450 Boones Ferry Road, Lake Oswego
- \$15, payable at door
- RSVP to Sonja Kollias: 503-636-2187  
[vskollias@aol.com](mailto:vskollias@aol.com)



Celebrating 100 Years!  
A Look Back!

*This year we will celebrate the League of Women Voters of the United States 100th birthday. In celebration, we will take a look at our best national accomplishments, one decade at a time.*

### 1960's

The League reached a high point in membership with nearly 157,000 members nationwide. In response to the growing civil rights crisis of the 1960s, the League directed its energies to build a solid foundation of support for equal access to education and employment. The League also added apportionment to its national program and supported presidential suffrage for the residents of Washington, DC. In 1969, the League was one of the first organizations calling for the United States to normalize relations with China.

*Source: lww.org*



**Join us on February 18th, 9:30am-3pm at the State Capitol!**

**Day at the Legislature** is hosted by the **League of Women Voters of Oregon**. The forum will begin at 9:30 am, with lunch at noon.

**Event Details:**

Oregon State Capitol, Hearing Room 50 900 Court St NE, Salem, OR 97301

Join us for a day with legislative insiders! Learn about League positions, priority legislation and the latest happenings in the legislature. Please contact Marge Easley ([marge.easley@frontier.com](mailto:marge.easley@frontier.com)) if you would like to join a carpool for this event.

Morning refreshments will be provided. A catered lunch can be purchased with registration.

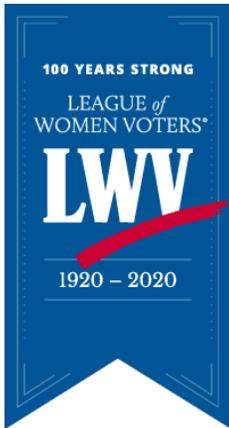
**Event Registration — Day at the Legislature 2020**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ League: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Ticket  
 Options (circle one): Ticket (no lunch): \$20.00 Ticket & Lunch: \$30.00

**Lunch Sandwich Options (circle one):**

Turkey Ham Roast Beef Mesquite Chicken Roasted Cauliflower **Parking Pass:** \$15.50 \_\_\_\_\_(Quantity)

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



## Register for the LWVOR Century Celebration

It's time to make your reservation to join your fellow Leaguers and members of the community for a gala luncheon at the Salem Convention Center on March 7, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of woman suffrage and the League. **Our local League has reserved two tables (seating 10 people each), which allows us to offer the discounted price of \$45 to those who sign up early. We only have 10 of those seats left, so register soon by following the directions below.**

The event features a panel discussion focusing on "Women in Leadership," moderated by former Governor Barbara Roberts. Panelists are statewide elected women leaders in Oregon, including Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, Labor Commissioner Val Hoyle, and Supreme Court Chief Justice Martha Walters. We will hear their thoughts on past achievements as we work toward empowering voters and defending democracy in the future.

We will also honor the winners of the Carrie Chapman Catt Award and Distinguished Service Awards, including our own Norma Jean Germond, and give tribute to other honorees from around the state. Our goal is to make sure transportation is not a barrier for anyone, so when you register please let us know if you'd like to join a carpool or can be a carpool driver. This event is open to the public, so feel free to invite guests.

### HOW TO REGISTER (before March 1):

1. Contact Sonja Kollias at (503-636-2187) or [vskollias@aol.com](mailto:vskollias@aol.com)
2. Tell Sonja your food choice and transportation needs.

#### **Lunch choices include:**

**Wild Salmon** - sun-dried tomato marinated Wild Salmon, Castelvetro olive & caper relish with farrow pilaf and roasted asparagus.

**Sesame Chicken (GF - Gluten-free)** - marinated in lemongrass and ginger, served with sticky rice and seasonal vegetables.

**Moroccan Tagine (GF - Gluten-free, V - Vegan)** - Olives, garbanzo beans, preserved lemon and eggplant, served over saffron Basmati rice.

3. Make your \$45 check payable to LWVCC and mail it to:

LWVCC, PO Box 411, Lake Oswego OR 97034  
 HOW TO REGISTER (after March 1): Follow the registration instructions at [www.lwvor.org](http://www.lwvor.org).



## Oregon's New Housing Initiatives

*Katie Lu*

The Department of Land Conservation and Development (DLCD) staff and local leaders are currently convening community meetings around the state to collect guidance and hear concerns about new housing initiatives passed by the Legislature in 2019. This input will be used to complete the rulemaking process to allow more diverse housing choices for residents of medium and large cities in Oregon. Small towns and unincorporated areas were not included in these bills. On January 30, Marge Easley and Katie Lu attended one of these meetings at Clackamas Community College, Harmony Campus. Here is some of what they learned:

House Bill 2001, a bipartisan bill, was passed to help provide Oregonians with more housing choices, particularly affordable ones. By June 30, 2021, medium sized cities (over 10,000 people) must allow people to build duplexes in areas zoned for single family dwellings. By June 30, 2022, the Portland Metro region and Oregon's other largest cities (over 25,000 people) must allow duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes, cottage clusters, and townhouses in residential areas to provide more affordable choices than detached houses.

House Bill 2003 requires medium and large cities to study future housing needs of their residents and adopt a housing production strategy, which could include specific actions such as revising regulations or providing financial incentives. This is to occur every six to eight years.

More information on these bills is included in "Latest News and Events" on DLCD's website. Written comments are welcome at [housing@dlcd.state.or](mailto:housing@dlcd.state.or).

## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: Our first conversation

*The League of Women Voters is an organization fully committed to diversity, equity and inclusion in principle and in practice. Diversity, equity and inclusion are central to the organization's current and future success in engaging all individuals, households, communities, and policy makers in creating a more perfect democracy.*

*There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, gender identity, ethnicity, race, native or indigenous origin, age, generation, sexual orientation, culture, religion, belief system, marital status, parental status, socioeconomic status, language, accent, ability status, mental health, educational level or background, geography, nationality, work style, work experience, job role function, thinking style, personality type, physical appearance, political perspective or affiliation and/or any other characteristic that can be identified as recognizing or illustration diversity.*

*LWVUS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy.*

The January General Meeting was an introductory seminar on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. After reviewing the LWVUS DEI Policy, we had an overview of central concepts.

Diversity, equity and inclusion are necessary but are not sufficient if only one or two of the pillars are present.

Equity is not the same as equality. Equality is a "one size fits all" approach. We do know that "one size" does not fit most.

Inclusion can be amplified when "Belonging" is considered. (Continued on page 7.)

## Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (Continued from page 6.)

The power of neuroscience and our acquired “quick thinking” decisions in milliseconds provide barriers to naturally participating in DEI in our environments. Our brains are still moldable, and we can learn/teach ourselves to do better.

We then proceeded to embedded societal “values” and assumptions that block expansion of participation to diverse populations. White privilege is a barricade to achieving a fully inclusive, anti-“ism” multi-cultural organizations, communities, and institutions if sharing privilege is considered losing power. Other “privileges” that are parallel or intersecting with White privilege include: able-bodied, age, middle upper and other social class status standing.

Lastly, microaggressions and the messages they send were introduced. The current front page of the AARP illustrated the microaggressions that mid-age adults encounter in the workforce.

Here are sources to consider if looking for more information.

“White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Knapsack” by Peggy McIntosh. Peace and Freedom, July/August 1989. [psychology.umbc.edu/files/2016](https://psychology.umbc.edu/files/2016)

Project Humanities at Arizona State University has devised checklists for other invisible backpacks addressing able-bodies, age, social status

<https://projecthumanities.asu.edu/content/able-bodied-privilege-checklist>

<https://projecthumanities.asu.edu/content/how-privileged-are-you>

<https://projecthumanities.asu.edu/content/age-privilege-checklist>

<https://projecthumanities.asu.edu/content/middle-upper-class-privilege-checklist>

<https://projecthumanities.asu.edu/content/social-class-privilege-checklist>

Use your preferred search engine to find information on:

**Microaggressions.** “Tool: Recognizing Microaggressions and the Messages They Send”. This two-page chart is adapted from Sue, Derald Wing, Microaggressions in Everyday Life: Race, Gender and Sexual Orientation, Wiley and Sons, 2010.

**Biases.** “The Importance of Cognitive Errors in Diagnosis and Strategies to Minimize Them,” Pat Croskerry, MD, PhD, Academic Medicine, vol 78, no. 8, August 2003. Use your preferred search engine.

## Coming Events

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- 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