



Clackson Voter



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

MAY 2017

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LWV of Clackamas County Hosts 2017 State Convention in Wilsonville

Libby Medley, Host Committee Coordinator

About the time you receive this issue of the Clackson, the 2017 Annual League of Women Voters of Oregon's State Convention will have begun. From the early days of searching the county for a likely venue to the final stages, ending with an evaluation after the fact, hosting the Convention has been an energy-concentrated, idea-filled, yearlong effort. There are many who deserve recognition for their role.

First on the list is Rhonda Liveslay, who chaired the Lane County League host committee two years ago. Her wonderful, detailed notes and advice made this task so much easier!

Next is the State Convention Committee: Robin Wisdom, Chris Vogel, Norman Turrill, Sally McKain, Kathleen Hersh, Alice Bartelt, Sarah Andrews, [plus Host Committee Representatives Marge Easley & Libby Medley] for their hard work in venue selection and site provisions, speaker and workshop arrangements (including video recording the Keynote Speaker) plus supporting our Host Committee and picking up the loose ends.

And finally, we have reason to be proud of our Clackamas County Host Committee: Hilly Alexander, Betty Barber, Marge Easley, Norma Jean Germond, Lyn Gordon, June Hensala, Robi Ingram-Rich, Lorie James, Katie Lu, Libby Medley, Karen Sherman, Sylvia Smith, Judi Umaki, and their support teams, listed below (*italics* denotes non-LWVCC members):

Credentials and Pages:

Lyn Gordon, Karen Sherman, Karen Faw, Sherry Finnigan, Cheryl Smith, Sonja Kollias

Dine Around:

Marge Easley, Judi Umaki, Hilly Alexander, Farol Kahle, Norma Jean Germond, Nancy Murray

Flag Ceremony:

Judi Umaki, *Scout Troop TBA*

Flowers and Décor:

Sylvia Smith, June Hensala, *Bev Simmons, florist*

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2017 Day at the Legislature

Hilly Alexander, Libby Medley

The big topic of the day was revenue. Paul Warner, Legislative Revenue Office, summarized the problem, stating that while the Oregon economy is doing well, the revenue generated is a long way from meeting the anticipated expenses. He highlighted the issues:

- Corporate income tax revenue is shrinking, partly because there are fewer C Corporations.
- Gasoline tax revenue isn't growing.
- 70% of tax revenue comes from personal income tax, which is impacted by the ups and downs of the economy.
- A gross receipts tax is a possible option to increase revenue (remember Measure 97?)

Representative Dan Rayfield, Ways and Means Committee, discussed the challenges of drafting a budget, starting with the \$875M shortfall in the General Fund, and his optimism that it can be met.

Other speakers addressed another big topic: cost containment. Ross Caldwell, Criminal Justice Commission, focused on work with counties since 2013 to reduce the number of Oregonians in prison through work release programs and increasing transitional leave to free prison beds. Providing services that enable offenders to be released into the community, through increased mental health services, housing assistance and family support, averted \$52M in prison operating costs. So far, they've been able to postpone building a new prison in Junction City, saving about \$140M. Continuing these programs, HB 3078 intends to delay the need for a second prison for women. The bill requests funds to provide the wraparound services for women that have had so much success keeping men out of prison.

Mark Fairbanks, CFO Oregon Health Authority (OHA), stressed that health care is local. He presented their mission of helping people and communities achieve optimum physical, mental and social well-being through partnerships, prevention and access to quality, affordable health care. Oregon met 3.4% average annual per capita cost growth rate through 2016 through Health System Transformation. OHA commits to 3.4% average cost growth through 2022. The national trend is 4.5% to 5.5%. Mark acknowledged Governor Kitzhaber in laying the foundation for sustainability in Oregon's Health Plan. OHA is proposing strategies to deal with shrinking federal funds and a reduction from the General Fund.

Representative Greg Smith, Heppner, gave a lively talk discussing revenue and Ways and Means. He used a \$1 bill to illustrate how a dollar spent for education cannot be spent on transportation. As a small business owner, he actively promotes economic expansion, but he cautioned all of us to be looking at the big picture of what we want Oregon to look like in the future. How much economic development do we want? From his moderate political stands, he gave the impression that if all Representatives were as energetic and pragmatic as Greg, the House would get a lot more done.

Marge Easley found a few minutes to relate her recent experiences following two issues. She described the favorable ambience at the capitol when she testified on the gun safety measures, and the maneuvering that was required to keep these bills alive when no final hearing had been scheduled before the deadline. She also mentioned that the National Popular Vote Compact measure is stuck because the Senate leadership doesn't favor having the legislature consider this issue. However, both issues are still in play, requiring continual monitoring in the weeks ahead.

Welcome, New Members!

Hilly Alexander, Membership

John Broome, Lake Oswego

Lynette Pierson, West Linn

They joined our League in the last few weeks. We now have 87 members in the LWVCC.

Here is what prompted John to join: "I have long admired the LWV and what you all are doing, and I finally, at age 94, decided to check on joining your group. Too bad there are not more organizations like LWV." Longtime member Kathy Newcomb helped John sign up. Thank you, Kathy.

Executive Committee

Judi Umaki

As our League year heads into its final months we have much to celebrate. With a small board and lower membership, we have accomplished a lot, with more to come.

We completed many Voters Service and Action activities, studied Higher Education and Election Methods, learned about the One Person, One Vote movement and a number of other subjects and welcomed new members. Take time to read the Reports section of the Annual Meeting Workbook you have recently received (thank you, Sonja Kollias!) for a full review.

A large committee of LWVCC volunteers has been working as local hosts helping to organize the LWVOR State Convention to be held in Wilsonville May 5-7. See Libby Medley's thank you article on page 1. Hopefully we will do you proud!

May 20 will be our Annual Meeting where a highlight will be the election of first time board members Linda O'Malia and Janice Green. Hope to see you there!

Our Patio Party, June 10, is always a fun and festive way to end the year. See the details on page 4 and expect a reminder and sign up info in a few weeks.

By August we will be well into planning for our 2017-18 League program. Please feel free to contact any of your Board members with suggestions for another great year of learning and acting on our principles. League's work is more important than ever!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting will be held Sat., May 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the Oswego Pointe Clubhouse, 5065 Foothills Dr., Lake Oswego. Good attendance is necessary to have a quorum to conduct our business. Coffee, tea and baked goods will be served.

Three agenda items need your assistance. The first is a consideration of changing our local League status from a 501(c)(4) to a 501(c)(3). Our state League made this switch at the 2015 state convention. A second need is suggestions for programs and speakers. Fresh ideas are such a help to the Board in planning programs of interest to you. The third is Directions to the Board where you have the opportunity to make general or specific suggestions to help make our organization better. Please give some prior thought to these items and come prepared to share your ideas.



Patio Party

Saturday, June 10

11:30 a.m.

Red Fox Hills Club House

The LWV Patio Party time is approaching—June 10, Saturday at 11:30 a.m. Look forward to sunshine and fun, so please mark the date on your calendar. Bring a friend or two and a salad or dessert, and the Board will provide the liquid libations. The Patio Party will

be held again at the Red Fox Hills Condominium Clubhouse, Boca Ratan Drive, Lake Oswego. Our speaker is still to be arranged. Look for more information later in May!

This is a great time to pay your dues—\$70 per member. Please remember to bring your checkbook.

DIRECTIONS: Red Fox Hills Community Room, Boca Ratan Drive, Lake Oswego

Coming from State Street (Hwy 43) turn onto "A" Avenue.

Take "A" to 10th Street - TURN RIGHT. Stay on 10th.

At second stop sign TURN LEFT onto Andrews Road.

Stay on Andrews Road. At second stop sign, TURN RIGHT onto Atwater Rd.

Go one block and TURN RIGHT onto Boca Ratan.

Stay on Boca Ratan to top of hill.

TURN RIGHT and continue on Boca Ratan.

Go one block and TURN LEFT into Red Fox Hills Condo Community.

There is a sign at the driveway that says CLUB HOUSE. The clubhouse is straight ahead on a cement path. Look for the weathervane on the roof. **There is limited parking by the clubhouse, but there is plenty of parking on the street with a short walk to the clubhouse.**

Calling Lake Oswego School Supporters!

LWVCC has been asked to assist in passing the Lake Oswego School Construction Bond Measure by providing a few volunteers for a phone bank from 6-8 p.m., May 5, 9, 10, 11 and 15. Please consider helping out in this way. Talk a Leaguer or other friend into joining you for one evening. Your Board is feeling a little tapped out at this point. Please call Judi Umaki at 503-636-5773 so she can pass your name on to the committee who will be in touch with you.

LWVOR Convention 2017 (Continued from page 1.)

Registration:

Betty Barber, Katie Lu, Robi Ingram-Rich, Judi Umaki, Beryl Dahl, Lorie James, Norma Jean Germond

Theme, Bookmark and Keynote Speaker:

Libby Medley, Emily Medley

Timekeeper:

Robi Ingram-Rich

Willamette Falls Legacy Project Presentation:

Marge Easley

Workbook Cover:

Hilly Alexander, *Burton Haun, designer*

Writing Articles, PR:

Libby Medley; *Mary McWilliams, LWVPDX PR chair*

It has been a delight working with everyone. Thank you!

To those of you who wanted to help but kept having conflicts, there are always plenty of opportunities to participate in League events. Come to our Annual Meeting on May 20 to help plan for the coming year and meet the new board members. Attend our Patio Party in June to celebrate the completion of this project and all that we have accomplished in the past year. Membership awards will be given out; a speaker TBA will entertain us; the food will be yummy (because we have such terrific culinary talent in our midst). There will be opportunities to purchase our League cookbook and pay your dues for the coming year.

Coming Events

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

LWVCC Joint Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 23: 9:30 a.m. Social, 9:45 AM Meeting, Pacific West Bank, West Linn

Patio Party, Saturday, June 10, 11:30 a.m., Red Fox Hills Condominium Clubhouse, Boca Ratan Drive, Lake Oswego.



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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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