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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

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October General Meeting

Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Black Swan Events

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

OSWEGO HERITAGE HOUSE
398 10th Street, Lake Oswego

Speaker ANGUS DUNCAN
Chair, Oregon Global Warming Commission

When Angus Duncan was asked what he meant by black swan events, he said come and find out. He has served as President and CEO of the Bonneville Environmental Foundation (BEF) since its formation in 1998. The Foundation is a non-profit business venture that generates revenues from regional and national sales of renewable energy and carbon-offsetting Green Tags.

Prior to BEF, Angus served on the Northwest Power Planning Council From 1989 to 1995. Angus previously worked on energy development in the private sector and as Director of Energy Policy for the US Department of Transportation. In 2004 Angus chaired the Drafting Committee that wrote Oregon's Climate Change Strategy for Governor Kulongoski. In 2006 Angus chaired the Governor's Drafting Committee designing an Oregon load-based carbon emissions cap and trade mechanism.

Angus currently serves on Oregon's Transportation and Land Use Committee, the Communication and Outreach Committee, the Energy, Utilities, Stationary Sources Committee and the Science and Technology Committee.

The League of Women Voters of Clackamas County invites the public to come to this free program and learn what Oregon is doing to reduce greenhouse emissions

SAVE THE DATE

SAT., DEC.16

Winter holiday party

Brunch, raffle and speaker



Dine & Discourse

In today's divisive world it's not easy to find opportunities to engage in thoughtful conversations in a congenial, small-group setting. We have the perfect solution! Come join us for our first "Dine & Discourse" event. We'll enjoy a delicious no-host meal, choose a controversial topic or two from the headlines of the day, and see where the discussion leads. Spouses and friends are welcome.

When: Monday, October 23, 6:45 p.m.

Where: Gubanc's Pub & Restaurant, 16008 Boones Ferry Rd., Lake Oswego. (You can check out the menu at www.gubancspub.com.)

RSVP: Contact Libby Medley (medleylj@gmail.com) if you want us to save you a space. Or, just show up! Our plan is to have no more than 6 people per table to allow the conversation to flow more easily.

THANK YOU!

Norma Jean Germond, Program Chair

A very big thank you to all of you who pitched in to put together the September 19 League meeting at the Oswego Point Clubhouse. There was a lot of work to do and you did it all, and after the program, you cleaned everything up and put away all the furniture. You are a wonderful group of people! A grateful thank you to you all!

P.S. A special thank you to Betty Barber who enabled us to have the meeting at the clubhouse in the first place.

P.P.S. A lovely black and white covered umbrella was left at the meeting. Call Norma Jean at 503-636-4251 or email at hngermond@gmail.com who's holding it for you.

Thank You!

What is MLD?

Hilly Alexander, Membership Chair
MLD stands for Membership and Leadership Development, a national League program that was started about seven years ago. MLD Leaders have compiled best practices on topics like event planning, voter services, and social media, and publish a monthly guidance. Trained state MLD coaches help local League MLD Teams consider ways to strengthen the League's impact via monthly telephone calls.

In early September, I attended a MLD training weekend hosted by the Oregon and Washington State Leagues. MLD Leaders walked us through some of the best practices. Members of local leagues shared their successes and challenges. I found it humbling and inspiring to be among so many accomplished and assertive women and men who are Making Democracy Work™. Elizabeth MacNamara, past National President, got everybody fired up when she talked us through the transformation of the League. She encouraged us to rethink the League's mission for the 21st century: Creating a more perfect democracy. I like that!

Have you ever thought about trying a leadership position in a supportive and non-competitive environment? I invite you to join the Clackamas County League MLD team. What does that involve? You'll attend a monthly phone call, and we'll look for opportunities for you to obtain the training that will enable you to comfortably take the lead in some aspect of our League's activities. Contact me at 503.682.5088, hillya4@gmail.com or contact Libby Medley, one of the state MLD Coaches, (503.668.8520, medleylj@gmail.com) to find out more.

PS: Too bad we only had a few younger members among almost 60 attendees.

LWV Portland Programs

The Portland League has some interesting upcoming events that are open to the public. If you'd like to attend and join a carpool, please contact Marge Easley (marge.easley@frontier.com). Meetings are held at the Multnomah County Boardroom, 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd., Portland.

October 10, 7:00-9:00 p.m., "Get What You Want from the Oregon Legislature"

Panelists will include a state legislator, a LWV lobbyist, and a citizen who successfully lobbied for mothers' rights – all speaking about what works to persuade legislators.

November 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m., "Promoting Civil Discourse"

Also, check out the highlights from the Portland League's March 2017 Gun Safety program at <https://lwvpx.org/>. The video contains short clips of experts' talks on Oregon gun violence data, 2nd Amendment rights, responsible gun ownership, and proposed safety laws.

Don't forget to sign up!

LWVOR Fall Workshop, October 21

If you want the latest on what the League is accomplishing in Oregon and hear some great speakers, you won't want to miss the state League's upcoming Fall Workshop on **October 21, 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at Lane Community College in Eugene**. The theme is "Mediating the Message: The League's Role in the 21st Century." Register online at <http://lwvor.org/event/fall-workshop-2017/> or use the attached registration form. The cost, including lunch is \$35, and the registration deadline is October 12. Contact Marge Easley (marge.easley@frontier.com) for carpool information.

THINK BEFORE YOU INK

If you're asked to sign a petition for an initiative or referendum, the League urges you to please think twice. We are now distributing updated "Think Before You Ink" brochures to local libraries, in both English and Spanish, which provide criteria for evaluating petitions. If you need a refresher on terminology, here's a quick review:

- **INITIATIVES:** Registered voters can bring issues to the ballot, to change Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS), or to amend the Oregon Constitution.
- **REFERENDUMS:** Registered voters can try to reject (veto) bills passed by the Legislature by placing a referendum on the ballot.
- **REFERRALS:** The Legislature may refer any bill it passes to voters for approval. Any bills that amend the Oregon Constitution must be referred to voters. Referrals don't need petitions.

Referenda Petitions Now Circulating

The 2018 election cycle is now underway with 30 initiatives and two referenda already filed with the Secretary of State's office. Three petitions are currently circulating, including the following two referenda filed by legislators hoping to repeal legislation passed in the 2017 session:

- [Referendum #301, "Stop Healthcare Taxes,"](#) refers to voters certain health care assessments included in [HB 2391](#). The referendum was filed late in the 2017 session by Republican Representatives Julie Parrish, Sal Esquivel, and Cedric Hayden, who sought to delay these assessments, considering them to be taxes that would be passed on to consumers. The assumption was that it would appear on the ballot in November 2018, but at session's end a bill was hurriedly

passed to allow the referendum to be placed on the ballot of a special January 2018 election. This was done so that, if the referendum passed, the Legislature would be able to respond to a newly unbalanced health care budget during the February 2018 short session

- [Referendum #302, "Say No to 719"](#), seeks to repeal [SB 719](#), which authorizes the courts to issue Extreme Risk Protection Orders, allowing the removal of deadly weapons from those who are at imminent risk of suicide or injury to others. The bill, strongly supported by the League, narrowly passed the Legislature with only one Republican voting in support. The referendum, submitted by Republican Representatives Bill Post and Mike Nearman, along with 2016 House candidate Teri Grier, refers to SB 719 as a "Gun Confiscation Law."

Kickoff Recap

Forty-six League members and guests attended the September 19 kickoff meeting at the Oswego Point Clubhouse to hear Dr. Stephen Beckham give a witty and informative talk about Oregon's public lands from the time of the homesteaders to the recent Malheur Refuge occupiers. He said over 50% of Oregon's land is owned by the federal government even though the federal government gave away an enormous amount of Oregon's land through various programs such as building roads and railroads and retained land for special purposes such as military forts, national forests and national parks, lighthouses, Indian reservations, etc. Dr. Beckham is an acclaimed historian with an extraordinary store of knowledge! He spoke without notes and fascinated us with his recall of dates and events. This was an outstanding program!

In the news of consequence:

Nancy Murray

Eagle Creek Fire

We were all heartbroken to see a major fire rip through our treasured Columbia Gorge. Yet we know that forests are resilient if allowed to recover from fire as nature allows. Rep. Greg Walden has a bill to allow salvage logging. The Friends of the Gorge maintains that the science does not support such an action as a benefit, but that logging would further soil erosion, introduce invasive species, bring in roads and undermine wilderness protection laws. To learn more about Walden's bill and how you can play a role in what happens next, go to <https://gorgefriends.org/protect-the-gorge/walden-clear-cut-bill.html> and to Walden's website and read more about it. There is an OPB program of Think Out Loud (Sept. 13) where you can listen to a U.W. professor talk about forest ecosystems (10 minutes).

New Legislator for Dist.38

Lake Oswego has a replacement for Rep. Ann Lininger who was recently appointed to a judgeship by the governor. County commissioners unanimously chose Andrea Salinas, a lobbyist representing some of Oregon's powerful public employee unions. Word on the street is that we have a highly capable representative. She will need to be elected to her seat in Nov. **2018.**

Coal trains in the Columbia Gorge

A big victory just happened with the denial of the last of the six coal export terminal projects proposed for Oregon and Washington, this one in Longview, WA. If built, we would have seen 44 million tons of coal per year, 16 coal trains per day pass through the Columbia Gorge, in addition to other environmental dangers to our region. There was huge activism on the part of the public, many different tribes, lawyers at Earthjustice (read their press release online), elected officials, faith leaders, and health professionals. Public voices were heard, and the permit to pollute was denied!



Some National League Highlights

Supreme Court Rally to End Gerrymandering - October 3 ★

On Tuesday October 3rd, [the U.S. Supreme Court will hear arguments in the redistricting case *Gill v. Whitford*](#)¹. This is promising to be a landmark case that could shape the national landscape for partisan gerrymandering. The League filed an amicus brief in *Gill v. Whitford* arguing that partisan gerrymandering violates the First Amendment and the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution. **At 10am on the morning of the hearing, we will participate in [The Supreme Court Rally to End Gerrymandering!](#)**² LWVUS staff will have branded signs available on site. If you're in the D.C. area, please spread the word and let us know if you are interested in rallying with us in front of the Supreme Court. Details about the rally can be found on the Facebook page [HERE](#)³. For questions about League participation, please email the Communications Department at Communications@lwv.org.

League Supports We the People Democracy Reform Act ★

The legislation has been introduced by in the House and Senate with Senator Udall (D-NM) and Representative Price (D-NC4) and offers a clear path forward for improving our democracy. This legislation will elevate the voices of the American people so we can be heard over the special interests and partisan bickering. This bill will strengthen our elections with automatic and online registration, enabling more voters to participate in our great democracy. [Read statements endorsing the Act here.](#)⁴

League Submits Brief in *Husted v. A. Phillip Randolph Institute* ★

LWVUS and LWVOH submitted an amicus brief to the U.S. Supreme Court in the case of [Husted v. A. Phillip Randolph Institute](#).⁵ The case will be heard by the court on November 8, 2017. The amicus brief argues that the process used by Ohio to purge voters from voter rolls is illegal, inaccurate and unreasonable under the provisions established by Section 8 of the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA).

¹<http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=8ikd21%2F%2F7eBqecs8lPYZayeluwEdTQgR>

² <http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=%2FfGGDIllqBxuqwDFsUW+4DCeluwEdTQgR>

³ <http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=U2xw5pQ61WHL9X5gVH%2FiUieluwEdTQgR>

⁴ <http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=kclXodOikW%2FikY%2Fb6WL8hCeluwEdTQgR>

⁵ <http://salsa.wiredforchange.com/dia/track.jsp?v=2&c=bxRzd8xTyVFgg7HBb7e6uieluwEdTQgR>

Coming Events

October General Meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m., Oswego Heritage House, 398 10th Street, Lake Oswego

LWVOR Fall Workshop: Saturday, Oct. 21, 2017, 9:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Lane Community College, Eugene, OR

Dine and Discourse: Monday, October 23, 6:45 p.m., Gubanc's Pub & Restaurant, 16008 Boones Ferry Rd., Lake Oswego

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



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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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