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October Unit Meetings Ballot Measures

Judi Umaki and Katie Lu, Voter Service Chairs

October is here, and the election is just around the corner. In the meantime, ballot measure presentations will take place at the unit meetings. The Friday unit meeting will not take place due to construction at Willamette View.

Monday, October 15: Oswego Pointe Clubhouse, 5:30p.m.

Wednesday, October 17: Mary's Woods Sandpiper Room, 3:00p.m.

Thursday, October 18: Sylvia Smith's house, 9:30a.m.

Since the Friday unit won't occur, those who usually go to that meeting have been invited by June Routson to attend the ballot measure presentation at the Seasoned Adult Enrichment Program.

Wednesday, October 17: Harmony Campus, Clackamas Community College, Room OIT-191, 7738 SE Harmony Rd., 9:30a.m.

You probably have noticed that we have several presentations on October 17. In addition to the two listed, there is one at The Springs at Carman Oaks at 2:00p.m. If anyone would like to be part of a presentation team, please contact Katie Lu (503 968-9120) or Judi Umaki (503 636-5773). We have the information needed and would be happy to help you get ready.

Hardcopy *Voters' Guides* should be available soon for distribution. If you would like to help, contact Katie or Judi. The online *Voters' Guide* can be found at www.lwvor.org/voteoregon.

Dues Are Due!

Have you renewed your membership for 2018-19? Please send your check payable to LWVCC to

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PO Box 411
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\$70 per member, \$35 for household member. You can use the form on the last page of this issue.

The 2020 Census Should

Count Everyone

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Be Transparent, Easy and
Accessible




Reflect the Diversity of our
Communities






5 Actions Toward a Better Census

1. Join a state or local Complete Count Committee.
2. Using demographic information, identify the communities in your area that are likely to be undercounted.
3. Engage with partners and allies and assess entry points into undercounted communities.
4. Launch community education forums for the public and elected officials.
5. Conduct letter-writing campaigns focused to your local papers and elected officials underscoring why a full count benefits your area.



lwv.org/voting-rights-tools/census-action-kit

More About the 2020 Census

The LWVCC Kickoff & LWVUS Census Infographic

Robi Ingram-Rich, Program Chair,

Charles Rynerson from the Population Research Center, College of Urban & Public Affairs at Portland State University was the kickoff speaker on 19 September. Charles Rynerson shared his passion for the census data and demography. Humor was also present. Mr. Rynerson is the Oregon State Data Coordinator, and in that role, he helps the public access and understand information from the US Census Bureau.

Request a copy of the PowerPoint by email from Mike Taylor at mikewts@comcast.net. To contact Charles Rynerson: 503-725-5157 or rynerson@pdx.edu.

You can find the annual Population Estimates of Oregon at the Population Research Center website. Other articles and news briefs are there for exploration.

The US Census Bureau also has opportunities for your latent data geek to explore various ways to understand where you live, your neighborhood, city, state or national demographics - including percentage of high school graduates, average age of the population, average income, age stratification, health insurance status. Another useful tool is the American FactFinder, which I have used to make state and Northwest thumbnail sketch reports for grants. Explore at factfinder.census.gov.

At the main website, census.gov, you can sign up to get updates, news, and data from the Bureau; apply for 2020 Census jobs; play with interactive maps; and discover QuickFacts. The update emails from the Census Bureau on varied topics show how data is applied to current news and policies.

At our national convention the infographic card was provided to most of the attendees. To see what the LWV Census toolbox has to offer, check out <http://lwv.org/voting-rights-tools/Census-action-kit>.

Overview of “Developing and Mobilizing Skills to Win in 2018” LWVUS Pre-Convention Training June 28, 2018

Robi Ingram-Rich,

Wellstone Action is partnering with the League of Women Voters and will be offering/organizing an online learning series. The training on Thursday afternoon led by Wellstone Action staff was the kickoff for the partnership. (www.wellstone.org). The campaign is *Making Democracy Work*.

The activity was Making a Mobilizing Ask. My foursome chose to practice registering voters. Not an easy task in Texas, easiest in Oregon, not too hard in California. Before the activity the didactic session provided nuggets of wisdom and insight shared here.

1. Practice what has worked well for you/your communities doing volunteer work for elections and campaigns before.
2. Be personable & passionate. It's about Relationships. Sometimes logic works, sometimes emotions. Plan on a continuous conversation. Make it easy. Is what you are doing moral?
3. Organizing is all about building intentional public relationships to grow power for collective action.
4. Effective asks are based on relationships. Who a person is. What they care about. Why they care.
5. Why they care may be based in issues, interests, capacity, values or commitment (ability to follow through)
6. An effective ask is Specific on details
7. “NO” may mean: Not ever, Not that, Not now, or Not unless I can get support. When “no” is said, we can ask “Can I ask what’s holding you back?”

I also noted these observations on power that tie in with my anti-racism volunteering.

There are different types of power. There is “power over”. There is “power to”. There is “power with” - the shared vision. There is “power within” - our skills and inherent experiences.

“Power over” is often connected with privilege. Privilege frequently is gratuitous unearned access due to gender, race or being in an advantaged social group.

Perhaps you have used PDSA method of quality improvement at work. Plan-Do-Study-Act.

The cycle offered in this training was Problem/Anger —> Solution/Hope —> Action/Opportunity—> Ask/Commitment

League Sends Memo to U.S. House on Census Citizenship Question

National League sent a memo to the U.S. House regarding the citizenship question on the U.S. Census. The memo urges the House to use its oversight authority to remove the question from the 2020 Census, while outlining the irreversible harm that the inclusion of this question will cause for communities across the country. Members of the LWVUS Lobby Corps will be visiting House offices on this topic.

League Statement on Testimony of Dr. Christine Blasey Ford

9/27/2018

Washington, DC – The League of Women Voters President **Chris Carson** issued the following statement in response to the testimony of Dr. Ford before the Senate Judiciary Committee:

“For far too long, American women and girls have been told to keep quiet after enduring violence and sexual assault. In 2018, the time has come to stop telling women to sit down and shut up.

“Today, Dr. Christine Blasey Ford’s voice was heard.

“Survivors of sexual assault rarely have the opportunity to confront their attackers, and even fewer women have to do so with the whole world watching. Instead, they suffer silently. But today a brave woman broke that silence. She took action to protect future generations of women and girls whose everyday lives will be shaped by decisions of the next Supreme Court Justice.

“Her courage can also help a future generation of young men. It’s never too early in someone’s life to learn that all people are entitled to the same dignity and respect, and that there exists no privilege that entitles someone to take that away from any other person.

“We believe her, and the League supports a full FBI investigation of these claims, which must be done given these circumstances. This is the absolute least that can be done before the Senate votes on a lifetime appointment to our highest court. This is about equity and transparency, and nothing less.

“Across this country, we are seeing a movement of women speaking up and America is listening. We will no longer let our voices be silenced to protect the same entrenched power that has worked to disenfranchise women, communities of color, and other disadvantaged populations throughout the course of our country’s history.

“Women will not be silenced a moment longer. We must do more than speak out. We have the power to change the system with our votes. We need to exercise that power on Election Day. And I believe we will.”

Video Voters’ Guide

Don’t forget to watch the League’s Video Voters’ Guide on Cable Channels 28 and 30 starting October 8.

The Video Voters’ Guide, filmed each election cycle at TVCTV Studio in Beaverton, is a partnership project of TVCTV and the Clackamas and Washington County Leagues. During the first week in October, League members Marge Easley, Judi Umaki, Lynette Pierson, and Eric Schmidt will conduct 10-minute interviews with over 60 candidates from all levels of government, assisted by “green room” helpers Katie Lu, Hilly Alexander, and Josie Koehne.

Dine & Discourse

Are you upset by the news of the day and need to vent? An excellent remedy for outrage fatigue is to join us for the next Dine & Discourse on **Monday, October 22, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.** We gather for intelligent conversation about current events while enjoying a delicious dinner at White Orchid Thai Food, 18740 Willamette Drive, West Linn (on the lower level below Bugatti's). 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 October 20 to Libby Medley, medleylj@gmail.com, 503-668-8520.

Coming Events

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

LWVOR Legislative Process Day, November 16th, 9:00a.m. – 1p.m., State Library of Oregon, Rooms 102 and 103, 250 Winter St. NE, Salem. Register at <http://lwvor.org/legislative-process-day-2018/>.

Redistricting Forum, Thursday, December 6, Wilsonville Library

Winter Party, Saturday, December 15



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