



Clackson Voter



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

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September Kickoff Event

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

5:30 p.m.

Oswego Pointe Clubhouse
5065 Foothills Dr., Lake Oswego

The United States Census

Have you given much thought to the 2020 Census, other than the recent controversy about the citizenship question? The 2010 Census counted the total U.S. population at 308,745,538. The July 1, 2017, U.S. population estimate is 325,719,176. At our Fall Kickoff event we'll be learning more about why the census plays such a vital role in our representative democracy.

The annual September Kickoff will feature Charles Rynerson, a demographer from the Population Research Center (PRC), College of Urban & Public Affairs, Portland State University. He will speak about the upcoming 2020 Census, what it means for Oregon, and the possible impact of adding a sixth congressional district. He has worked on censuses, surveys, population and economic estimates, and forecasts in urban and rural communities.

The dinner cost is \$15 per person and includes wine. Reservations are required and should be sent to Sonja Kollias, either via email (vskollias@aol.com) or phone (503-636-2187).

Guests are welcome. Bring family and friends.

DIRECTIONS: Take State Street to Foothills Road; follow Foothills Road to a 3-way stop; keep right; go downhill to left-turn lane; turn left onto Foothills Drive; building straight ahead is the Club House.

Dues Are Due!

We appreciate your renewing your membership either by mail or at the September kickoff dinner.

Member **Tim James** conveys his heartfelt gratitude for the many expressions of sympathy at the loss of his wife, **Lorie James**, last spring. She was our longtime, smart, and hardworking League member, and we miss her still. Thank you to all those who gave a gift to the League in her memory.

Voters Service Update

Katie Lu and Judi Umaki, Voter Service Chairs

Midterm elections are almost here! What does that mean for us?

1. **National Voter Registration Day** is September 25. Please remember that if you or someone you know has moved, even from one apartment to another, you must re-register in order to vote.
2. **Speakers Bureau.** We will be making ballot measure presentations to community groups and at our own October unit meetings. In addition, we will be involved in some candidate debates. If you would like to join in helping with this effort, a basic part of League, call Judi Umaki at 503-636-5773 or Katie Lu at 503-968-9120. Your participation is welcome!
3. **Voters' Guides.** The LWVOR Voters' Guide is on its way. We will be distributing these to all Clackamas County libraries and at some events. You could help with distribution. Call us! Under the leadership of Marge Easley, we will also be interviewing state and local candidates for the TVCTV Video Voters' Guide.
4. **VOTE!** So easy and so important.

In Memoriam

Stan Aschenbrenner who had been a faithful member of our League since 1999 died on 8/11/2018.

Dine & Discourse

Marge Easley,

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, September 24, 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 September 22 to Marge Easley, marge.easley@frontier.com, 503-638-7023.

Metro-area Leaguers attend Wyden, Blumenauer press conference

It was mid-summer, but when called at short notice to attend a press conference concerning voting, the LWV is there (including six Clackamas board members)! Sen. Wyden and Rep. Blumenauer have introduced bills (HR 6093; S 3049) amending the Help America Vote Act by requiring voting systems for federal elections to use durable paper ballots. Also, those systems must make ballots available for verification by the voter before the vote is cast. Presently, there are many states with voting machines without paper backup that don't provide any reliable way to audit a vote in dispute. Oregonians already know the value of vote by mail, and its paper trail makes voting transparent to the voter as well as provides dispute resolution of close elections. You can go to www.congress.gov to follow this or any bill or topic.

LWVOR's agenda addresses Climate Change

At League's national convention in Chicago in June, LWVOR and LWV Corvallis hosted one of the four climate change-related caucuses. In brief, two climate change resolutions were adopted by the Convention.

Climate Test: The League of Women Voters supports a set of climate assessment criteria that ensures that energy policies align with current climate science. These criteria require that the latest climate science be used to evaluate proposed energy policies and major projects in light of the globally-agreed-upon goal of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees C, informed by the successful spirit of global cooperation as affirmed in the UN COP 21 Paris agreement. (LWVOR proposed this Climate Test Resolution that passed with about a 99% vote.)

Price on Carbon: The League of Women Voters stands united with, and in support of, efforts to price carbon emissions, whether cap-and-trade, carbon tax/fee, or another viable pricing mechanism. The League does not have a position on how the revenue generated is to be used. We do not espouse any single method of pricing carbon over another. We will evaluate all proposed methods based on their effectiveness to abate emissions and whether the method can be successfully implemented.

Claudia Keith handles the climate change portfolio for LWVOR and would love some help from all of us who feel it urgent that we do more and do it now. *You can volunteer from the comfort of home* by keeping in touch with timely issues during the coming legislative session and writing the relevant legislators of your concern and opinion. Let Claudia know you want to be on her team. lwvor@lwvor.org.

Welcome, New Members!

Hilly Alexander, Membership Chair

Sally Grader, Lake Oswego

Darlynn Hofferber, Eagle Creek

Faye Nelson, Lake Oswego

Mary O'Reilly, Lake Oswego

They joined our League in May and June. We now have 90 members in the LWVCC. If you know of anybody who would like to join our League but can't afford the annual dues, please have them talk to me or anybody else on the Board of Directors.

Is your child or grandchild turning 16? Why not give them a League membership for their birthday for **free**? Persons at least 16 years of age who join the League shall be voting members of the LWVCC, the League of Women Voters of Oregon, and the League of Women Voters of the United States. Student Memberships (under 25) are now free.

Heartfelt thanks to all of you who have already renewed your membership in LWVCC for 2018-19. Our fiscal year runs from July through June, so it's time to renew. You can pay your dues at the September 19 meeting or send us a check in the envelope you received with the membership letter in August.

LWVOR Positions on Ballot Measures

Measure 102 – the LWVOR Board endorsed a Yes vote

Ballot Title: Amends Constitution: Allows local bonds for financing affordable housing with nongovernmental entities. Requires voter approval, annual audits.

LWVOR recommends support of this referral from the legislature. Housing for low income people is difficult to find. Homelessness is an increasing problem. This measure will allow local jurisdictions to partner with non-governmental entities to help pay for housing through the sale of bonds.

Metro Housing Bond Measure – on behalf of the Washington County Unit, the LWVOR Board endorsed a Yes vote

This is consistent with LWVOR's endorsement of Measure 102, the referral from the Legislature that allows bonding for housing. The Metro Housing Bond would allow money to go to Washington, Multnomah and Clackamas Counties for affordable housing. The two county Leagues and the one state unit in these counties have voted to support this bond measure. If Measure 102 passes, then monies raised with this Metro measure could be used in partnership with nongovernmental entities, allowing the money to go farther.

Measure 103 – the LWVOR Board endorsed a No vote

Ballot Title: Amends Constitution: Prohibits taxes/fees based on transactions for "groceries" (defined) enacted or amended after September 2017.

The LWVOR opposes this measure because it does not share the tax burden. An entire segment of business would be exempted from paying any taxes if a sales tax were to be enacted. It would also result in revenue loss from businesses involved in any aspect of groceries.

Measure 104 – the LWVOR Board endorsed a No vote

Ballot Title: Amends Constitution: Expands (beyond taxes) application of requirement that three-fifths legislative majority approve bills raising revenue.

The LWVOR opposes this measure. The measure is about fees, tax credits and any other measures that could be construed as raising revenue. Fees are vital to the funding of many state agencies. An agency would have to get a 3/5ths majority from the Legislature to raise any fees for services or adjust credits that might be construed as raising revenue. The legislature currently approves fee increases or retroactively acknowledges fees that agencies are allowed to raise between sessions. BUT only a majority vote is required. Without fees, many state agencies would not be able to provide the services that they are supposed to be providing.

Measure 105 – the LWVOR Board endorsed a No vote

Ballot Title: Repeals law limiting use of state/local law enforcement resources to enforce federal immigration laws.

This measure repeals the law limiting use of state/local law enforcement resources to enforce federal immigration laws – The LWVOR opposes this ballot measure. Local governments should not have to aid the federal government in arresting immigrants without there being a warrant or valid order for such an arrest. The law that this measure seeks to overturn has been in effect since the 1980's. (Continued on page 5.)

Ballot Measure Positions (Continued from page 4.)

Measure 106 – the LWVOR Board endorsed a No vote

Ballot Title: Amends Constitution: Prohibits spending "public funds" (defined) directly/indirectly for "abortion" (defined); exceptions; reduces abortion access.

The LWVOR opposes this ballot measure because this law would not only impact services to women on the Oregon Health Plan but would also take away the coverage that employees of the State of Oregon now have for abortion services.

For additional information on League positions used in determining support or opposition to these ballot measures, see the Fall LWVOR Voter.

Coming Events

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Dine & Discourse: Monday, September 24: 6:45 p.m., White Orchid Thai Food, West Linn

LWVCC Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 25: 9:30 a.m. Social, 9:45 a.m. Meeting, Pacific West Bank, West Linn

October Unit Meetings: Ballot Measure Presentations, October 15-18



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Email

- 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.

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