



Clackson Voter



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

January 2020

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January General Meeting

Diversity. Equity. Inclusion.

Tuesday, January 21, 2020

1:00 pm.

Oswego Pointe Condominiums Clubhouse

5065 Foothills Drive, Lake Oswego, 97034

Robina Ingram-Rich,

Diversity, equity and inclusion are goals being set throughout organizations, professions and communities. Each component of DEI is necessary, and one alone is not sufficient.

Indeed, the League of Women Voters of the United States has a Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Policy:

LWV 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.

The policy then continues with a long list of characteristics that individuals may have that might cause conscious or unconscious exclusion for full participation or membership in life settings.

The national LWVUS website provides links to articles, audio podcasts and videos, as well as a reading list. Either enter "League of Women Voters Diversity Equity Inclusion" in your search engine or follow this link:

<https://www.lwv.org/league-management/diversity-equity-inclusion/diversity-equity-and-inclusion>

Consider visiting the site prior to coming to the general meeting where an interactive session about diversity, equity and inclusion will take place.

Carpooling is encouraged. Offer a ride to LWVCC members or to neighbors and friends. Ask for a ride from someone in your unit. Looking forward to seeing you.

Winter Brunch and Raffle

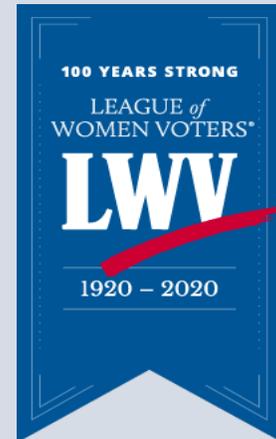


Our holiday tradition continued with a warm breakfast on a cold, grey morning. We had a lot of items to raffle that brought in \$366 to our treasury and gave attendees something new to take home and enjoy. Our speaker was Meghan Buckner, Associate Program Director of Friends of the Children. This non-profit organization began first here in Portland in 1993, and its growth and success has led to the establishment of many sister organizations in other cities and states. Its mission is to provide our most vulnerable children a nurturing and sustained relationship with a professional

mentor who teaches positive values and has attainable expectations for each child to become a healthy, productive member of the community. It is a unique model in that mentors are paid and remain with the child for years and years. Research has shown that the single most important factor for building resiliency in children who face the highest risks is a long-term, consistent relationship with a caring adult. League members generously donated to this important cause, and Friends is very appreciative of these gifts. Thank you all.

Storage files downsized!

We've all had to do it for family or for ourselves when we move: go through our stuff. The Lake Oswego Methodist Church has other plans for its storage closet where we have maintained 8 file drawers of archives and boxes of hospitality items, not to mention signs and a large banner, for many, many years. Special thanks go to **Sonja Kollias** whose warm home enabled **Marge Easley, Nancy Murray and Sonja** to more carefully go through files to separate out our local League archival files of studies, action, minutes, directories, annual meeting books, etc. from other and outdated materials held by state and national Leagues. Thank you also to **Katie Lu, Karan Kuntz, Mike Taylor and Warren Easley** who helped sort through materials as well as carry them to Public Storage on N. State St., Lake Oswego. Special appreciation goes to **Sherry Finnigan, Lyn Gordon, and Libby Medley** and past presidents who years ago did a lot of the initial organization of studies and the rest, so we can easily find what we're looking for.



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.

1940's

The League of Women Voters was invited by President Harry Truman to serve as a consultant to the U.S. delegation at the United Nations' Charter Conference in 1945. The League expressed support for the UN, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund. To this day, the League has continued its presence at the United Nations through its one official and two alternate observers.

Source: lww.org

From LWVUS: At long last, the VRAA moves to the Senate

In December, the U.S House of Representatives overwhelmingly passed H.R. 4, the Voting Rights Advancement Act, by a bipartisan vote. The VRAA restores protections of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that were stripped by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2013, making it easier for states and localities to practice discriminatory actions that restrict the voting rights of millions of minorities across the country.

For over 50 years, protecting voters from discrimination at the ballot box has been a bipartisan activity. Passage of the original VRA (and subsequent reauthorizations in 1970, 1975, 1982, 1992, and 2006) was not only accomplished with bipartisan support in Congress but was led by stalwart members of the Republican caucus who were committed to doing right by voters. In fact, every reauthorization of the legislation was signed into law by a Republican President, who refused the notion that voting is a partisan issue.

The VRAA is needed to ensure that preclearance can go back into effect so that all eligible Americans are able to vote on Election Day. It is an unfortunate fact that discrimination in voting against racial, ethnic, and language minorities continues in America. This should be unacceptable in the greatest democracy in the world.

As the VRAA advances to the Senate, we look forward to working with Senators on both sides of the aisle to ensure full passage of this vital legislation.

Lunch & Learn



Join your League colleagues for lunch and enjoy an African photographic travelogue by member **Adrienne Brockman**. Hope to see you there! Guests are welcome.

- **Friday, January 31 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**

Welcome, New Members!

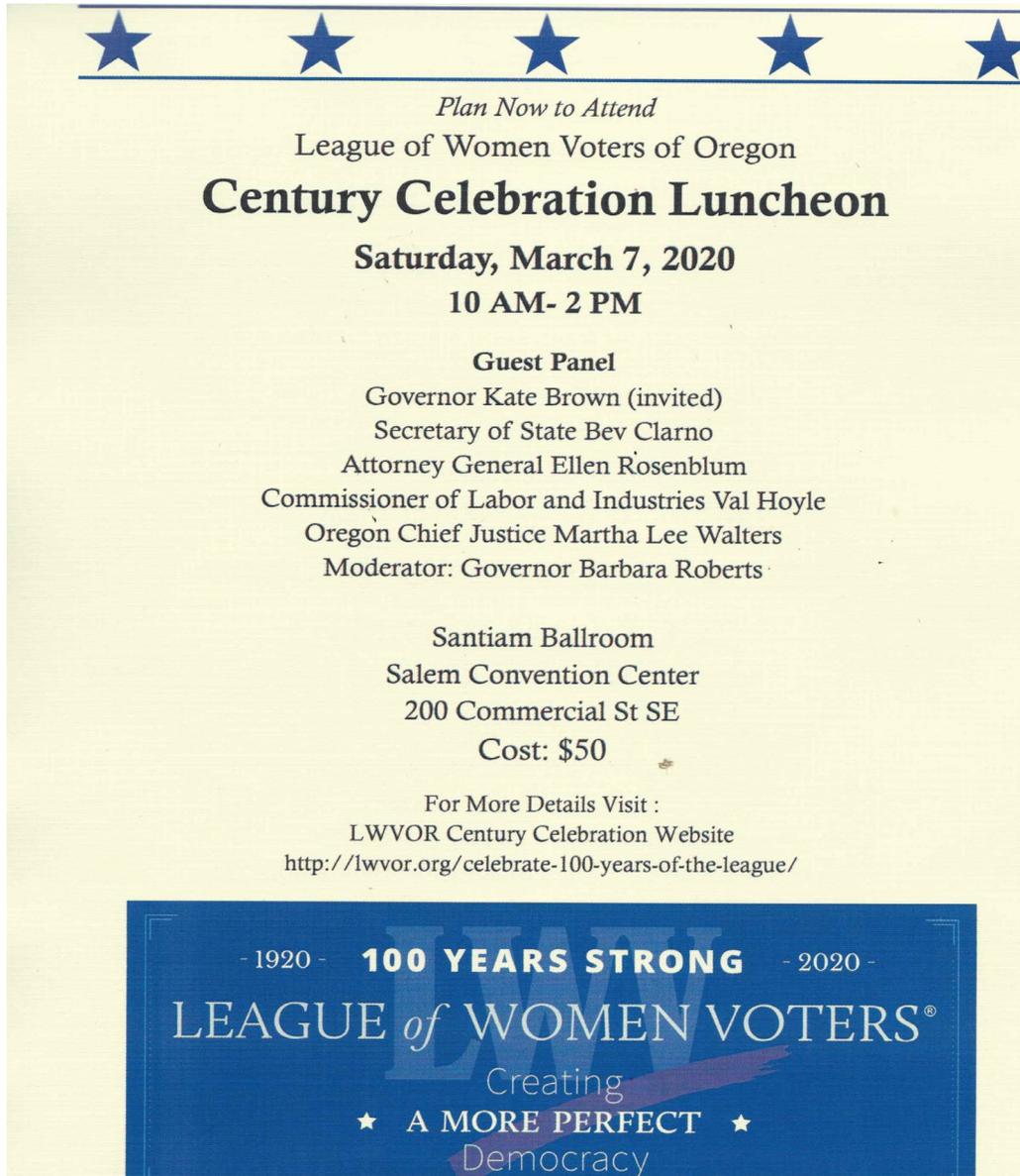
Hilly Alexander, Membership

Kay Vega, Lake Oswego

Carol and Arthur Wilson, Portland

They recently joined our League.

Please check your contact information in the 2019-2020 Membership Directory. Please advise me of any changes. Thanks.



Plan Now to Attend
League of Women Voters of Oregon
Century Celebration Luncheon
Saturday, March 7, 2020
10 AM- 2 PM

Guest Panel
Governor Kate Brown (invited)
Secretary of State Bev Clarno
Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum
Commissioner of Labor and Industries Val Hoyle
Oregon Chief Justice Martha Lee Walters
Moderator: Governor Barbara Roberts

Santiam Ballroom
Salem Convention Center
200 Commercial St SE
Cost: \$50

For More Details Visit :
LWVOR Century Celebration Website
<http://lwvor.org/celebrate-100-years-of-the-league/>

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Upcoming Events

January General Meeting: Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 1:00 pm, Oswego Pointe Condominiums Clubhouse, 5065 Foothills Drive, Lake Oswego, 97034, Diversity. Equity. Inclusion

Monday, January 27: Dine & Discourse, 6:45 -8:45, Nicoletta’s Table and Marketplace, 333 South State Street, Suite M, Lake Oswego

Tuesday, January 28: LWVCC Board Meeting: 9:30 a.m. Social, 9:45 a.m. Meeting, Pacific West Bank, West Linn

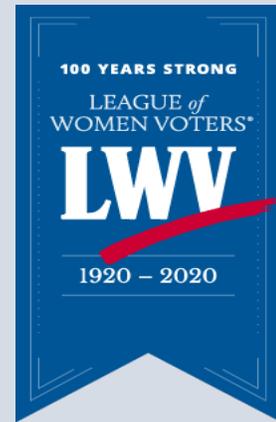
Dine & Discourse returns Monday, January 27, 2020 at Nicoletta's Table and Marketplace in Lake Oswego!

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.

This month we will be focusing on the transitions of a New Year, New Decade and New Century (of voting rights for women)! You are invited to pick a time frame and concern and share your outlook. Bounce your happy moments and positive ideas off of the rest of us who also need a break from talking heads and holiday pressures. Join us in just being ourselves, describing our views, experiences and wisdom in the challenges we see ahead.

We have selected a change in venue to accommodate the darkness and potential weather concerns. We have chosen Nicoletta's Table and Marketplace, 333 South State Street, Suite M, Lake Oswego, for January 27, at 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. The parking area is well lit, and the usual no-host order from the menu and pay separately makes things easy. We will have a private room, so the restaurant noise should not be an issue in hearing each other.

Non-League members are also welcome, so feel free to bring along a friend or significant other. Please RSVP by January 25 to Libby Medley, medleylj@gmail.com, or call 503-668-8520 (no answer machine).



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1950's

In 1951, "The National Voter" magazine was first published. Delegates to the 1954 convention voted to group League program into Current Agenda ("CAs") government issues chosen for sustained attention and concerted action, and Continuing Responsibilities ("CRs") positions on governmental issues to which the League had given sustained attention and on which it could continue to act. In 1957, the League of Women Voters Education Fund was established to encourage the active and informed participation of citizens in government and to increase understanding of major public policy issues.

Source: lww.org



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Join the League of Women Voters!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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.

Mail to: LWVCC, PO Box 411, Lake Oswego, OR 97034