



# Clackson Voter



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

MAY 2018

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## Annual Meeting- May 19, 2018

1:30 PM

Sandpiper Room

Mary's Woods Provincial House

17400 Holy Names Drive, Lake Oswego

You have all received your bright yellow Annual Meeting 2018 workbook by now. Annual Meeting is our one business meeting a year where we address our program in full for the coming year: the topics we'd like to know more about at monthly meetings, issues we consider important to take action on, passing a budget for next year, and electing our officers and directors. This is an important time for your board of directors to hear your ideas and concerns, so that we remain a healthy and important voice in civic life.

In addition to our agenda we have the honor and pleasure to hear from local students who have come together to address the issue of gun violence in schools, LO Students for Change. Their activism so early in their civic lives gives us great encouragement that change will indeed continue to be taken seriously and acted upon by lawmakers.

And, of course, refreshments by Mary's Woods will be another bonus. We need your attendance and participation. Please consider carpooling if you can come. The gavel comes down at 1:30 p.m. and we hope to see you there.

**Remember to Vote**

**Primary Election**

**May 15**

## Voters Service

*Judi Umaki*

LWVCC has provided copies of the free non-partisan Voters Guide prepared by the League of Women Voters of Oregon to most county libraries, including Lake Oswego and West Linn Libraries. Featured are responses to questions posed to all candidates for statewide Oregon offices. This information is also available online at [LWVOR.org/VOTEResources](http://LWVOR.org/VOTEResources).

Live interviews with the 35 of 69 invited candidates from various state and local offices in the TVCTV Channels 28 and 30 viewing area are now available for viewing, as well as on West Linn Channel 30 and [www/YouTube.com/MACCTVCTV](http://www.YouTube.com/MACCTVCTV). Interviewers were **Marge Easley**, **Judi Umaki** and **Eric Schmidt** of the Washington County League. Greeters were **Hilly Alexander**, **Lynette Pierson** and **Katie Lu**.

## Dine & Discourse Summary

*Libby Medley*

Dine and Discourse, our newest LWVCC program, was begun by Libby Medley and Marge Easley in October 2017 with the goal of increasing member involvement as we take an evening out to support each other during these politically divisive times. It provides a monthly evening activity in a small group format to discuss critical issues, to combat "Outrage Fatigue," and to provide ways to become more aware of and involved in opportunities for making a difference.

Seventeen members (about 1/5<sup>th</sup> of our membership) have joined us, with 14 attending at least twice during the six gatherings, and monthly attendance ranging from 7 to 12. We have met at Gubanc's Pub & Restaurant, Nicoletta's Table and Marketplace, Dang's Thai Kitchen, and White Orchid Thai Cuisine. The ideal location needs to have seating for 12-14 in a private area at no extra charge and provide separate checks so that the participants can order individually from the menu.

We have decided to take a three-month break (May, June and July), but look forward to sending out an email for another gathering in August. Since this meeting will likely occur before the fall Clackson, if you want to be contacted for this August event, contact Libby ([medleylj@gmail.com](mailto:medleylj@gmail.com)) or Marge (503-701-5953).

Meanwhile, you are encouraged to explore the issues, join in town halls and marches and try your hand at civil discourse. And, of course, visit other restaurants in the area for additional places that would meet our needs.

## Representing LWVCC at Council and Convention. . .

We are so pleased that the mother-daughter team of **Libby and Emily Medley** will be our delegates at LWVOR Council, held this year on May 4-6 in Gold Beach. Emily's wedding date and move to Tacoma is fast approaching, so we are fortunate that both are taking this time to benefit the League. The theme of Council is "Watershed Moments" and will feature informative workshops, networking opportunities, and keynote speaker Bill Bradbury, former Oregon Secretary of State.

The LWVUS convention will be in Chicago from June 28 to July 1, with the theme of "Creating a More Perfect Democracy." **Robi Ingram-Rich**, one of our new board members for 2018-19, will represent LWV Clackamas. If previous Conventions are any guide, she is certainly in for an inspiring and enlightening experience!

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!!

*Norma Jean Germond, Program Chair*

Thank you so very much to all of you who have attended our general meetings, supplied refreshments, and helped set up or take down chairs and tables this past year. Special thanks to **Betty Barber** who enabled us to use the rooms at the Foothills Condominium. And thank you Betty and the condo manager who surprised us by already having set up the fireside room for our April general meeting because the larger room was undergoing electrical repairs. Twenty-nine people attended that meeting to hear Dr. Christopher Shortell talk about the Supreme Court. Chris' parents attended, whereas in our thank you note to Chris, we included thanks to his father for stacking the chairs and putting them away! What a nice man!

And thank you to **Ann Younger** for the delicious cookies and to **Karen Faw** who took care of the refreshment counter.

You all are a great group of Leaguers!





# PATIO PARTY

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

11:30 AM

Red Fox Hills Community Room  
Boca Ratan Drive, Lake Oswego

The LWV Patio Party time is approaching—June 9, 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.

Our speaker, **Dede Montgomery**, is a six-generation Oregonian and a certified industrial hygienist working in research at Oregon Health & Science University, where she blogs in [Oregon and the Workplace](#). Dede's family ties have instilled in her a deep connection to the land, and curiosity about life in early Oregon and the stories, good and bad, that lay there. In her memoir, *My Music Man*, Dede explores the jumbled path of forgiveness, reconciliation, courage and gratitude, through the memories and stories stirred after her father's death. [My Music Man](#) was released in October 2017 by Bedazzled Ink Publishing. Dede's first novel, *Beyond the Ripples*, has recently been acquired by Bedazzled Ink, and will be released in 2019. (From her blog site, <https://dedemontgomery.com/about/>)

**RSVP to Sonja Kollias: 503-636-2187 or [vskollias@aol.com](mailto:vskollias@aol.com), by Thursday June 8 and state your choice to bring salad or dessert.**

**Also, 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.**

## More News on Gun Safety

*Marge Easley*

The numbers are staggering. In 2018 so far, there have been 4,553 gun-related deaths and 8,008 gun-related injuries in the United States. These numbers include 72 mass shootings, involving two or more deaths or injuries\* CNN reports that as of April 20, there have been twenty school shootings where someone was hurt or killed.\*\* It's no wonder there's a sense of urgency about finding solutions to this public health crisis. It seems at times to be an uphill battle, but there are signs the tide is turning.

Since the Parkland school shooting, public awareness and a commitment to reduce gun violence is getting a much-needed boost from the student-led marches, rallies, and walkouts. Close to home, we're inspired by the students at Lakeridge and Lake Oswego High School, who have formed a group called LO Students for Change to advocate for school safety and gun reform. These students rallied on the Capitol steps, met with Governor Kate Brown, took part in the "March for Our Lives" in Portland, and on April 15 presented a 10-point plan to two local state legislators, Sen. Rob Wagner and Rep. Andrea Salinas. And we're delighted that some of these students have agreed to attend our Annual Meeting on May 19 to share their stories of activism.

I was also inspired by a recent visit to Hood River, where I was invited to speak about gun safety on behalf of the state League. The group who invited me was the Columbia Gorge Women's Action Network (CGWAN), whose members come from both sides of the Columbia River. Travelling with me was Pat Griffiths, LWV Washington Gun Safety specialist, who came by train from Seattle and had also been invited to speak. We were cordially greeted by Hood River League members Lucy Hill and Fran Finney, who told us about their work registering voters in the area. There were over 50 women of all ages at the CGWAN meeting, and it was clear there's a LOT of activism and volunteer work going on in Hood River. One of the best parts of the evening was hearing from a local high school student, sponsored by CGWAN to attend the March for Our Lives in D.C. Her enthusiasm was contagious as she shared slides of her life-changing experience. Moments like this are cause for optimism!

\*<http://www.gunviolencearchive.org>

\*\*<https://www.cnn.com/2018/03/02/us/school-shootings-2018-list-trnd/index.html>

## Coming Events

**LWVOR Council: May 4-6, Gold Beach**

**Annual Meeting: Saturday, May 19:** 1:30 p.m. Sandpiper Room, Mary's Woods Provincial House, 17400 Holy Names Drive, Lake Oswego.

**LWVCC Joint Board Meeting: Tuesday, May 22:** 9:30 a.m. Social, 9:45 AM Meeting, Pacific West Bank, West Linn

**Patio Party: Saturday, June 9:** 11:30 a.m., Red Fox Hills Clubhouse, Boca Ratan Drive, Lake Oswego.



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- 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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