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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

September 2019

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September Kickoff Event

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

5:30 pm

Oswego Pointe Condos Clubhouse

5065 Foothills Drive

Lake Oswego, 97034

The Behavioral Unit of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office

Our speaker at the Kickoff will be **Valentina Muggia**, LCSW, one of the Mental Health Specialists in the Behavioral Health Unit in the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office. Valentina Muggia will share with us the development, successes, challenges and outcomes of the BHU with the Sheriff's Office.

The Behavioral Health Unit is comprised of mental health professionals embedded in the Sheriff's Office. The BHU clinicians are available to the Patrol Division seven days a week, 24 hours to aid persons in crisis.

BHU Clinicians respond to mental health crises on scene when requested by deputies. Clinicians provide follow-up and community outreach to individuals who have contact with law enforcement and may be in need of mental health services or other resources. The BHU clinicians de-escalate situations, provide on-site risk assessment, divert citizens from emergency rooms and incarceration to appropriate services.

The dinner cost is \$15 per person (pay at the door) and includes wine. Reservations are required and should be sent to Robi Ingram-Rich by email (ringram.rich@gmail.com) or telephone (503-699-9425)

Guests are welcome. Bring friends and family.

Directions: From State Street (Highway 43) turn east onto Foothills Road towards Willamette River. Follow Foothills Road to a 3 way stop. Turn right (Oswego Pointe Drive). Turn left onto a Foothills Drive from left-turn lane. The Clubhouse will be on your left. There is parking for guests in the parking lot. Parking on Foothills Drive is also available.

Our Environment

Nancy Murray

Climate change legislation was one of four key areas of effort for our state League action teams. As you know, the key bill, HB 2020, did not have enough support in the end to pass. But work continues on nevertheless. Across the nation and here in Oregon, people are organizing to strike and rally for climate justice. Many organizations League partnered with during the 2019 Session are following the lead of youth from secondary schools and youth organizations and holding a rally outside Portland City Hall at 10:30 am on **Friday, Sept. 20** to demand an Oregon Green New Deal and an end to fossil fuels here in Oregon. Then there will be a march through downtown Portland, across the Hawthorne Bridge to the Eastbank Esplanade. A Climate Strike Festival near OMSI / Tilikum Crossing Bridge will afford opportunities for participants to become empowered in action for climate justice, noon to 5 pm. Check your local paper for other possible opportunities.

Oil Train Spill Response Law (yes, something finally passed!) According to the Oregonian, Oregon ranks 1st in the US for corporate campaign contributions per capita and sixth in railroad contributions. This may be the biggest reason why Oregon has had such trouble passing legislation that Washington and California have already put into law. Though greatly weakened from the bill's initial requirements of the railroads carrying oil through the Columbia Gorge, the final version passed into law requires RR fees to fund spill response planning and trainings but only a 15% cap on spill response and liability. The remainder will be carried by local governments. We have a start at least.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon is one of over 30 organizations under the umbrella organization Oregon Conservation Network that focuses on Oregon's environment. We maximize our advocacy efforts through valuable partnerships such as this one. Check it out at <http://olcveducationfund.org/>.

NEW LWVOR study, Pesticides and Other Biocides in Oregon

The committee for the new LWVOR study, [Pesticides and Other Biocides in Oregon](#), is recruiting volunteers and committee members. Volunteers will learn about the diverse pesticides and other biocides used to control unwanted pests. This study will allow the LWVOR to develop detailed positions on the use of pesticides and other biocides and will help us prepare better testimony. All levels of expertise and all different perspectives are necessary for a successful study. Please contact a.nestler@lwwor.org to learn more and volunteer!

Save the Date and Join Us!

Saturday, Oct. 19 is the State League's annual Fall Workshop. The theme is "Our Lives on the Web: Equity, Discourse and Propaganda." Two professors will address and discuss with us how bias and stereotypes might impact the legal system as well as fake news and propaganda. Register at <http://lwwor.org/fall-workshop-2019/>. There will be a carpool you can join for an informative day in Eugene. More details in the October Clackson.

Let's Talk Immigration – A Program Preview

Be sure to join us in October and November for a two-part series on the timely topic of U.S. immigration policy. We'll start with small group discussion at unit meetings in October, followed by a general meeting with a speaker in November. Next month's *Clackson* will include a list of articles for background reading to guide discussion, but before then we urge you to take a close look at the LWVUS Position on Immigration (2008) and a summary of League actions on immigration, reprinted below:

LWVUS Position on Immigration:

The League's Position Statement of Position on Immigration, as announced by the LWVUS Board, April 2008:

The League of Women Voters believes that immigration policies should promote reunification of immediate families; meet the economic, business, and employment needs of the United States; and be responsive to those facing political persecution or humanitarian crises. Provision should also be made for qualified persons to enter the United States on student visas. All persons should receive fair treatment under the law.

The League supports federal immigration law that provides an efficient, expeditious system (with minimal or no backlogs) for legal entry of immigrants into the United States.

To complement these goals the League supports federal policies to improve economies, education, job opportunities, and living conditions in nations with large emigrating populations.

In transition to a reformed system, the League supports provisions for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status

The League supports federal payments to impacted communities to address the financial costs borne by states and local governments with large immigrant populations.

Criteria for Legal Admission to the United States

The League supports the following criteria for legal admission of persons into the United States:

- Family reunification of spouses or minor children with authorized immigrants or citizens;
- Flight from persecution or response to humanitarian crises in home countries;
- Economic, business, and employment needs in the United States;
- Education and training needs of the United States;
- Educational program opportunities; and
- Lack of a history of serious criminal activity.

Administration and Enforcement

The League supports due process for all persons, including the right to a fair hearing, right to counsel, right of appeal, and right to humane treatment.

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The League supports:

- Improved technology to facilitate employer verification of employee status;
- Verification documents, such as status cards and work permits, with secure identifiers;
- Significant fines and penalties for employers who hire unauthorized workers;
- Improved technology for sharing information among federal agencies;
- More effective tracking of individuals who enter the United States; and
- Increased personnel at borders.

The League also supports programs allowing foreign workers to enter and leave the United States to meet seasonal or sporadic labor needs.

Unauthorized Immigrants Already in the United States

In achieving overall policy goals, the League supports a system for unauthorized immigrants already in the country to earn legal status, including citizenship, by paying taxes, learning English, studying civics, and meeting other relevant criteria. While policy reforms, including a path to legal status, remain unachieved, the League does not support deporting unauthorized immigrants who have no history of criminal activity.

League History

The 2006 Convention voted to undertake a study on immigration. After study and consensus, the new position was finalized in 2008 and sent to Members of Congress.

In the 111th Congress (2009-2011), the League lobbied in support of the DREAM Act (Development, Relief, and Education for Alien Minors) that would provide a path to citizenship for young immigrants who complete a college degree or serve in the military, thereby enabling them to be a fully productive part of American society. The legislation passed the House but lacked enough votes to overcome a filibuster in the Senate.

Because of a request made in 2016, the League clarified part of its position on immigration “to mean that simple illegal re-entry is not considered a ‘serious crime’ for League advocacy purposes.”

In the 115th Congress (2017-2019), the League opposed the rescission of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) policy by the Trump Administration. In response, the League again advocated for passage of a clean DREAM Act in Congress. The LWVUS Lobby Corps lobbied both the House and the Senate on this issue.

The League also opposed the Securing America’s Future Act of 2018, which would have put immigrant youth at risk of deportation while supporting actions at our borders to separate children from their families at the border and funding a wall at our southern border. During the 2018 Convention in Chicago, IL, League members marched in support of immigrants and families while protesting this and other pieces of related legislation.

The League also opposed the Trump Administrations “Public Charge Rule,” which directed immigration officials to limit the entrance of immigrants who they deemed would become more dependent on government funding” to meet their basic human needs.

LWVUS Letter to Congress, Feb. 15, 2018:

<https://www.lwv.org/immigration/league-sends-letter-immigration-congress>

Recent LWVUS statements and press releases, including those on immigration issues, can be found here: <https://www.lwv.org/newsroom>

Welcome, New Members!

Hilly Alexander, Membership

Emma Burke, Lake Oswego and **Robin Richardson**, Wilsonville

They joined our League in August via the State League. We now have 88 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 free.

Heartfelt thanks to all of you who have already renewed your membership in LWVCC for 2019-20. Our fiscal year runs from July through June, so it's time to renew. You can pay your dues at the September 17 meeting or send us a check in the envelope you received with the membership letter in August.

I also thank Nancy Murray and Robi Ingram-Rich for all their help getting the membership dues letter written and into the mail.

Dine & Discourse Starts Again Monday, September 23

Our Clackamas County League's monthly Dine and Discourse gathering to focus on current issues of concern and handling outrage fatigue will begin again in West Linn on Monday, September 23, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m.

Please join us as we gather for intelligent conversation about current events and our League's role in making a difference while enjoying a delicious dinner at White Orchid Thai Food, 18740 Willamette Drive, West Linn (on the lower level below Bugatti's). We have a special area at the back of the restaurant, which provides a more private atmosphere and less background noise. We receive individual checks for ease in paying. (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 21 to Libby Medley, medleylj@gmail.com, or try calling 503-668-8520 (there is no answer machine).

Who's Who in Clackamas County Government

1000 copies of the brochure Who's Who in Clackamas County Government 2019-2020 were printed. The brochure has information on how to contact government officials, cities and school districts. Much of it is geared to Clackamas County. Copies have been distributed to libraries, city halls, chambers of commerce and retirement villages. Some will be available at the Fall Kickoff for you.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, September 17: LWVCC September Kickoff, 5:30 pm, Oswego Pointe Condos Clubhouse, 5065 Foothills Drive, Lake Oswego, 97034

Monday, September 23: Dine & Discourse, 6:45 to 8:45 p.m., White Orchid Thai Food, West Linn

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

Saturday, October 19: LWVOR Fall Workshop, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Lane Community College, Eugene



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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 _____

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