



League of Women Voters of Lincoln County, Oregon

March 2011

### **Pam Knight of the Trueman Center will speak March 17**

In 1982, the Lincoln County League of Women Voters undertook a one-year study of local issues concerning the treatment of alcohol problems. The study pointed out gaps in services, including the lack of a detoxification facility and lack of an in-patient care facility. At the study's conclusion, the League adopted the following position:

“The Lincoln County League of Women Voters supports the need for education in schools and community, and services for alcoholics in Lincoln County, including medically supervised detox facility, in-patient and out-patient care, and centralized leadership and coordination.”

As part of our January program planning meeting we reviewed our local League's positions. We identified several positions where we wanted to update our knowledge; one of these was the treatment of alcohol problems.

Pam Knight, a certified alcohol and drug counselor at the Ken Trueman Recovery Center in Newport, will speak at our March 17 meeting. She will tell us about the services and facilities offered by the Lincoln County Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Trueman Center.



*“The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a grassroots, non-partisan political organization which encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government in order to build better communities state-wide.”*

*Membership Meeting*

*Thursday, March 17*

*12:00 Noon*

*Newport Public Library*

*Speaker: Pam Knight*



## **DAY AT THE LEGISLATURE**

**Wednesday March 30, 2011**

**Oregon State Library**

**Room 102**

**9:30 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Sponsored by LWV of Oregon, Oregon AAUW, and Oregon Commission for Women**

**Event Registration: Deadline March 23, 2011**

**Register online at [www.lwvor.org](http://www.lwvor.org)**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ruth Kistler

This year's Annual meeting will be a pot-luck brunch on Saturday, April 9, at the Newport Visual Arts Center. We're meeting on a Saturday in hopes of including working members who have



been unable to join us at our regular noon Thursday meetings. The date is rather early in the month, so we may not be able to get a regular newsletter out before the annual meeting. If that's the case, we'll send members a packet containing the officer and board nominations, proposed budget, and any changes to the by-laws.

Our membership is down, as is the membership of the state League and other local Leagues, and many members are unable to be active. (Members are receiving the Jan 31, 2011 membership roster with this newsletter.) Various other local Leagues have experimented with creative ways to share the opportunity (and burden) of League leadership; we have done that in the past and we'll be doing it again next year. We may have co-presidents, or an executive council with rotating responsibility for member programs. Our board of directors will craft a leadership proposal for us to consider at the annual meeting. We'll also try to arrange some joint programs with other organizations.

In keeping with the Women's History Month theme, "Our History is Our Strength", and in preparation for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of woman suffrage in Oregon, we're focusing attention on the history of our local League and its members. We'll do this as part of the state League's Oral History Project, described by Jane Gigler in her *Voter* article reprinted on page 4 of this newsletter. Our Annual meeting will feature a panel of our members, some long-time, some relatively new, responding to questions about their League involvement over the years. And we'll use the meeting as an opportunity to interview each other and provide input to the League's Oral History Project.

I'm looking forward to this event; I hope you are too.



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### Calendar

<b>March</b>	<b>Women's History Month</b>
<b>March 13-19</b>	<b>Sunshine Week</b> Advocate for Open Government and Freedom of Information
<b>March 17</b>	<b>General Meeting</b> Noon – Newport Public Library Speaker: Pam Knight
<b>March 28</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b> 1PM—West Coast Bank in Newport
<b>March 30</b>	<b>Day at the Legislature</b>
<b>April 9</b>	<b>Annual Meeting – Pot luck brunch</b> 11AM—Newport Visual Arts Center
<b>April 22</b>	<b>Registration due</b> For LWVOR convention 2011
<b>April 25</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b> —canceled—
<b>April 26</b>	<b>Last day to register to vote</b> In the May Special Election
<b>May 13-15</b>	<b>LWVOR Convention</b> At Keizer Renaissance Inn, Keizer, Oregon
<b>May 17</b>	<b>Special District Election</b>

## Redistricting Here Now

By Ruth Kistler

First came the 2010 Census, now comes the redistricting. In addition to a formidable budget-balancing task, this year state legislators are tasked with enacting a plan that rebalances the state's legislative and congressional districts by July 1, 2011. If the Legislature does not enact a plan by that date, or if the Governor does not concur in the plan, the Secretary of State becomes responsible for the legislative districts and the federal courts for congressional districts. (For more information on redistricting, refer to the LWVOR *Redistricting in Oregon* Study, <http://www.lwvor.org/documents/Redistricting2007>.)

Oregon's population grew about 12% from 2000 to 2010. That enabled us to hold onto our five Congressional seats (though we didn't gain a seat). But the population grew unevenly in Oregon and redistricting is needed. There are 60 state House districts in Oregon; each state house district should have approximately 63,851 people for district populations to be equal. Census data show House District 10, which contains all of Lincoln County, is 4,874 people below that target. Thus the geographical area of House District 10 will probably grow to encompass more people. (It is possible when a district grows that it will lose some areas to another district that also needs to grow.) Similarly, the target population for Congressional districts is 766,215, and Census data show Congressional District 5 (our district) to be 9,087 people below that goal. The redistricting plan will probably assign a small part of the current Congressional District 1 (which is above its population target) to Congressional District 5.

The Senate and House Redistricting Committees held an organizational meeting in December 2010, and heard citizen testimony on February 11, and February 25. On the 25<sup>th</sup> the League testified about communities of interest and directed legislators to our redistricting study. The 2010 Census data became available February 23. The House and Senate Redistricting Committees went out on the road, starting March 11, and will be conducting public hearings across the state. At several of these hear-

ings, video conferencing will take place with remote locations in other communities. The hearings were scheduled to begin in Tillamook March 11, with an additional five hearings across the state through April 3. The League was asked to provide volunteers to assist at the remote locations; Anne Williams answered the call for the Lincoln City location, and Suzanne Maxson, and Ruth and Jack Kistler volunteered for Newport. (Last-breaking news: The March 11 Tillamook hearing was cancelled because of the tsunami warning and has not yet been rescheduled.)



## Coming Up May 13-15: Convention 2011!

*Bea Epperson and Lucia Norris, Host League Co Chairs;  
Marion and Polk Counties League of Women Voters*

Every other year, Leaguers gather together for the LWVOR convention and this year the Marion and Polk Counties League wants to welcome you to the Salem/Keizer area in the heart of the Willamette Valley.

Our convention hotel is the Renaissance Inn and Conference Center in Keizer. The city of Keizer, just north of Salem, is noted as the first land claim in the Oregon Territory. Today, Keizer is also known as the Iris Capitol of the World. A short ride north of the hotel will take you to Schreiner's Iris Gardens where their 10-acre display garden will be in bloom. It is free and open to the public so plan to build in some time to visit there. You won't want to miss any of the great workshops and other convention activities but let's face it: there is a lot of sitting during any convention. Take some time to stretch your legs at the wonderful Keizer Rapids Park a short drive from the hotel. This 119-acre park along the Willamette River abounds with scenic pedestrian trails. Before and after the convention, watch for the blue winery and vineyard directional signs throughout the countryside surrounding Salem and Keizer to discover the region's distinctive wines.

Convention time for Leaguers is a time to renew old friendships and begin new ones. We hope you mark your calendars for May 13-15. An exciting convention awaits you in a special area of the Willamette Valley.

## League's Oral History Project

By Jane Gigler, Education Fund Chair

As many of you are aware, the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in Oregon is occurring in 2012. To prepare for this and to update our history of the League, we would like all local Leagues to start to consider their own histories. Our members have interesting and fascinating lives and our Leagues have contributed much to our communities. The state League would like local Leagues to begin interviewing long-term members, those with knowledge of the League's unique history.

To facilitate this and to be consistent in our interviewing process, we have designed the questionnaire found on the next page. While we do need answers to these questions, please do not limit yourselves to only these questions. You may also want to include questions about significant life events, educational experiences, and memorable influences. If a League member has run for office or broken the glass ceiling in some way, please include details from that experience as well. We want to know the many contributions that our members have made in business, in the arts, in the schools, in their communities and to their country.

Also, we would like a photo of your interviewed League member. If possible, a video or audio recording would also be helpful as we would like to post some of these on our website. The format is not important, although please test the sound and lighting quality beforehand. When finishing your interview, please ask your League member to give us permission to post this material on our website by signing and dating the interview sheet that follows this. Send all completed interviews to the state office. We would like as many interviews as possible by January 2012, so please get started now. Our history is as valuable as our organization.



## Women's History Month

By Ruth Kistler

The theme of Women's History Month this year is "Our History is our Strength." By looking back, we can see how much we've accomplished, how far we've come. This month begins a count-down to the Centennial Celebration of Oregon woman suffrage. Oregon's women gained the right to vote with the passage of an initiative on the November 5, 1912 ballot. Check out the Century of Action website, <http://centuryofaction.org>.

President Barack Obama proclaimed March 2011 to be "Women's History Month." On March 1, the White House released a comprehensive federal report on the status of American women. The report finds that younger women are now more likely than younger men to have a college or a graduate degree, and that women are also working more and the number of women and men in the labor force is nearly equal. But gains in education and labor force involvement have not produced wage and income equity. At all levels of education, women earned about 75% of what their male counterparts earned in 2009. Looking at that report, we can see we still have a long way to go.



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**League of Women Voters of Oregon Oral History Project**

Interview Sheet and Questionnaire

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewee: \_\_\_\_\_

Current League: \_\_\_\_\_


Interviewer (s): \_\_\_\_\_

1. How long have you been a League member?  
Follow up: Do you remember the specific year you joined?
2. In what Leagues have you been a member?  
Follow up: a chronological list of League memberships
3. Why did you initially join the League? OR Who or what motivated you to join the League?
4. Did your League activities have a focus, e.g. voter service, forums, studies, advocacy?  
Follow up - Why did this area of League service appeal to you?
5. What events/activities stand out in your mind as you recall your years in the League?  
Follow up: Why?
6. Who are/were some of the League members that you worked with who impressed you? Why? Share details of these individuals.
7. How has the League changed over the years that you have been a member?  
Follow up: How do you feel about these changes?
8. If there was one thing that you would alter about the League, what would it be and why?
9. What have you learned from your experiences in the League?
10. Have you attended any state or national conventions? Which ones? What events or people made an impression on you?
11. How has the League impacted your personal life?
12. Why should women and men join the League today?

Do we have your permission to post this interview on our website and any photos or video clips?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_


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## Membership Form

For information call Frances Van Wert  
Membership Chair, 541-265-9312

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

	Individual	Household	Low income: Individual	Household
<u>Annual Membership Dues</u> (Circle one.)	\$60	\$90	\$40	\$60

I am a new member

I am renewing my membership

The membership year begins October 1.

I am interested in working with the League.

Please call me.

**I wish to make a contribute to LWV Lincoln County in addition to my dues** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Member Dues and contribution** Make check out to: LWV of Lincoln County \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to contribute to the LWV Oregon Education Fund** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check out to "LWVOREF".**

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**These contributions assist LWV Voter Service activities and education projects.**

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