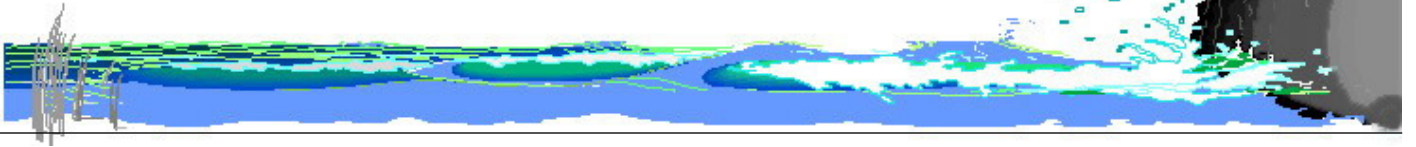


WAVELENGTHS



League of Women Voters of Lincoln County, Oregon



March 2010







 Thursday March 18 

 Newport Library at Noon 

 **The League and the Census** 

 This March, the Census is coming to your mailbox, and to our membership meeting. 

 Elizabeth Hardwick from the Census will talk about the work the Census has been doing to make sure everyone gets counted including minorities, the homeless and illegal immigrants. She will be joined by Jim Stovall to discuss their creation of hundreds of thousands of temporary jobs, and the need for census workers now & here. We'll hear about the process of testing and applying for Census jobs, and interested listeners will be able to sign up for upcoming tests. 

 The national League of Women Voters has partnered with the Census Bureau for the 2010 Census. Liz will tell us how we can help. 



[The Census And The Desire For Small Government](#)

From the website: <http://blogs.census.gov/2010census/>

In (my) job I talk to people from all walks of life, with diverse viewpoints about our country. The 2010 Census is conducted by a Federal government agency, using taxpayer money. Thus, the first reaction to the census is often shaped by one's attitudes toward the larger Federal government. Some first view the census with a great deal of cynicism.

I talked to a few friends recently who truly want a small Federal government and wish to keep it out of their day-to-day lives as much as possible. They view the census as part of "big government;" further, they view it as an unnecessary intrusion of privacy.

As we seek to count everyone, I've spent a lot of time thinking about this point of view.

First, it's relevant, I believe, to note that at the very moment of birth of the US, before there were any programs of the Federal government, when there were only four cabinet-level departments (State, Treasury, War, Justice), there was the mandate to do the census. In the US Constitution immediately after the words that establish the Senate and the House of Representatives, there appears (In Article 1, Section 2) the mandate to do the census every 10 years. The census was the tool to assure that the House of Representatives provided equal representation to all persons.

The founding fathers might have given census-taking as a responsibility to the states, but individual states have a real incentive to maximize their population counts for the benefit of more members in the House. So it makes sense that the founding fathers decided that this activity needed to be a responsibility of the Federal government. It has remained so for every one of the 22 censuses conducted since 1790.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ruth Kistler

Our celebration of the League's 90th Anniversary continues!

On February 19, I had a slice of LWV birthday cake at the state capitol.



Many League members, and most of the LWVOR board, were dressed as suffragists, and Oregon woman's suffrage history was on display. Governor Kulongoski proclaimed the day LWV Making Democracy Work Day (and asked us to support kicking the kicker). I met a granddaughter of Abigail Scott Duniway, the indefatigable campaigner for women's suffrage in the Northwest. And I heard plans for the League to march as suffragists in this year's Portland Rose Parade. (Wouldn't that be a kick!)

On March 9, in celebration of Women's History Month and the League's 90th anniversary, we showed the film *Iron Jawed Angels* at the Oregon Coast Community College in Newport. The showing was co-sponsored by the college's Associated Student Government. Before the showing, Dr. Catherine Pavlish, an instructor of women's literature and history at the college, talked briefly about the timeline of the women's rights movement in the U.S. and the fact that the film portrayed real events. I spoke about the present-day League. As I watched the film, I considered how the work of a younger generation of suffragists (Alice Paul, Lucy Burns, and others) was able to catalyze the enfranchisement movement begun decades earlier.

In May, I'll head up to Bend for LWVOR Council. I hope some of you will want to join me. Part of this year's program concerns League history and member reminiscences through the decades. Looking at our vibrant past only emphasizes that we need to attract a new generation of members to guarantee our League a vibrant future. One step might be to make a year's membership in the League your gift to that High School or College graduating senior.



90th birthday celebration

Your Oregon LWV Board celebrates 90 years

The celebration at the Capitol Building included visits by the Governor and many legislators, including Lincoln County's Jean Cowan, as well as visits by several Local League Presidents, including Lincoln County's Ruth Kistler. The Governor said lots of very nice things about the League, and its work in the state.



Calendar 2010

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| March 18 | The Census and the League
Noon at the Newport Library |
| March 29 | Board Meeting West Coast Bank 1pm |
| April 17 | Saturday Brunch! 11AM POTLUCK,
Newport Visual Arts Center
Water Issues—Part 2 of the Study |
| April 25 | Candidates' Forum
2-4 PM at Newport Rec Center |
| April 26 | Board Meeting West Coast Bank 1pm |
| May 6 | Annual Meeting
Election Budget |
| May 15-16 | LWVOR Council
Bend, Oregon |

Georgia-Pacific Waste Water Testing

By Ruth Kroneman

On February 10, a public information presentation was held to review the waste water permit that Georgia-Pacific has for its Nye Beach discharge location. Information was presented by the Department of Environmental Quality, an Oregon State scientist, a Georgia-Pacific representative and the Surfrider Foundation. Not surprisingly the G-P representative stressed the expense of the monitoring it has done and the economic benefit the company provides the area. However, it was not clear what laboratory(s) did the work or what their skills or qualifications are. Because I managed an EPA certified lab, I know that the accuracy and precision of analyses may be less than ideal. In my experience most states require environmental analyses to be performed by an EPA certified lab. I wonder what the requirements are in Oregon. Our coastal resource has a major economic effect on the tourist industry as well as on our local fishing fleet in Newport. We have a vested interest also.

April Meeting Saturday POTLUCK Brunch

We are changing the time of our April meeting to allow our working members a chance to join us.

And we will be looking at Part 2 of the League's Water Study, with Marnie Lonsdale, state board member and co-chair of the Water Study Committee. Part 2 deals with Water Issues around the state—it is headed for the printers now, and we are delighted Marnie will be joining us for our discussion.

Plan to join us!

Online Voter Registration

Since March 1, Oregonians have been able to register online to vote. Mail-in paper registration, is still available, of course. Currently, an estimated 77% of eligible voters are registered. The online registration system is expected to increase that number, reaching more voters, particularly the homebound, out-of-state military, and young people who spend more time on the internet. Other states which offer electronic registration have experienced increased registrations as well as significant cost savings. In Washington, the cost for each registration dropped from \$1.55 on paper to 45 cents online.

Online registration is secure. As with paper registrations, online registration will require voters to declare themselves U.S. citizens. Lying on the registration form is a felony, punishable by 5 years in prison, a \$125,000 fine, and deportation for undocumented immigrants.

To register online, voters must have a valid Oregon driver's license, permit, or identification card.. The signatures on these documents will be checked to validate ballots in elections. Online registration is available to new registrants as well as voters wishing to re-register to change their address or political party. A name change will still require paper registration to obtain a new signature for the files.

So this Spring, when you're out registering voters, let them know about the online option. The address is www.oregonvotes.org. If you need to re-register, try it yourself. It's fast and easy.



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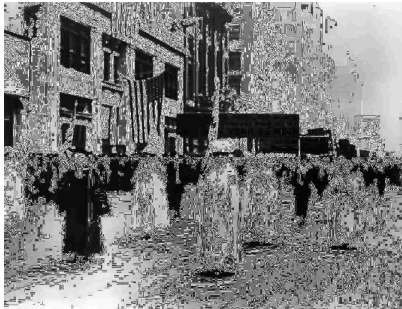
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LEAGUE MEMORIES EXPLORED AT COUNCIL

By Jane Gigler, LWVOREF Chair

May 15-16, we hope to see many of you at Council in Bend. To help celebrate our 90th Birthday, the state board is planning a special program for Saturday evening, after our banquet. Its working title is Reminiscing Out Loud - Conversations with Five League Members.

We will gather five League members from different generations - from a member in her/his thirties, to forties, to fifties to sixties to seventies for a specific conversation. Our goal is to follow a pattern established by Literary Arts organizations and have a conversation about the LWVOR's recent history through the reminiscences of our members. Our five chosen members will sit in comfy chairs or on stools and a moderator will facilitate the conversation among them as they answer questions about their life and the League. What toys did they play with as a child? What caused them to join the League? What were the national issues when they were in their twenties? We hope to learn how life has changed for League members and also how the League has evolved during their tenure as members. The moderator will accept questions from the audience at the end of their conversation. Join us for an evening of memories.



The League, Then and Now

A Proud Day For The Census

March 06, 2010 6:30 AM

From the Census website: census.gov/2010 Census
Blog of Director Robert M Groves

Yesterday was a wonderful day for the country. The Justice Department responded to some concerns about the confidentiality of census data by expressing their view that no provision of the Patriot Act overrides the confidentiality law that protects census data. This legal position agrees with the long-held views of the Census Bureau and the Commerce Department.

We are tasked by the Constitution to provide a true snapshot of the nation as a whole and, with this assurance by the Justice Department, we will be better able to get a true picture.

Thus, everyone living in the country, receiving a census form over the next few days, can fill out the form and mail it back knowing that the answers they provide will not be shared with any other agency, at the local, state, or federal level.

EVENT TO RAISE MONEY FOR HOMELESS CONNECT

Project Homeless Connect takes place every October in Newport and offers an opportunity for community involvement and human connection. The first project Homeless Connect was held in San Francisco in 2004, and has since been replicated in more than 220 communities. It was brought to Lincoln County in 2007 as part of the ten-year plan to end homelessness. The Lincoln LWV has had a table at the community-wide Homeless Connect event each year, providing information about voting and offering an opportunity to register to vote.

A fund-raising event called a Potluck-Off has been scheduled for April 17 to help raise money for the continuation of this event. The *Potluck-Off* will take place at the Newport Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, April 17 from 5:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.

Over twenty teams from local churches will prepare potluck dishes in one of three categories: main dish, salad and dessert! The grand winning recipe will be awarded the *Best of Luck* trophy! The public will pay admission for the opportunity to taste sample all the entries and vote on their favorite while a guest panel of judges pick the runners-up and winners in each category and the grand *Best of Luck* champion. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students and can be obtained by calling Rhonda Harmon at 541-270-1967. Only 350 tickets will be on sale!

Attend this event just for fun - and to help a worthwhile cause.



Marine Reserves Process

Ruth Kistler

Oregon has been engaged in a process to consider marine reserves along its coast for the past several years. The objective has been to select sites that provide ecological benefits while causing no significant economic or social harm to coastal communities or ocean users. In 2008, I attended some of the Ocean Policy Advisory Committee's (OPAC) public-comment meetings on submitted proposals, and became aware of strongly-held polarized views and widespread misinformation. Based on the marine reserve proposals and public input, in November 2008, OPAC recommended that

- "Pilot" marine reserves be established at Otter Rock and Redfish Rocks (the latter with an adjacent marine protected area),
- Community teams be formed to evaluate potential marine reserves at Cape Falcon, Cascade Head, and Cape Perpetua, and
- A marine reserve proposal be developed for Cape Arago—Seven Devils.

These recommendations were accepted by the governor and enacted, as HB 3013, by the 2009 state legislature.

Last Fall, as mandated by HB 3013, community teams were selected, consisting of members (and alternates) representing the various stakeholders. For the Cape Perpetua team the interests represented are: Local government, Commercial fishing, Recreational fishing, Nonfishing industry, Recreation, Conservation, Watershed Council, and Science. To inform their discussions, the team directs requests for data to staffers from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and OSU Extension—Oregon Sea Grant. A facilitator selected by ODFW, Jim Owens, conducts the meetings. Team members will bring the concerns and perspectives of their stakeholder constituencies to the meetings, gather and exchange information, and build consensus, finally producing a recommendation by October 2010. The team has agreed that after discussing an issue, and before consensus or a vote is taken, team members will have the opportunity to consult with their constituencies on the subject.

The community team's charter places a high value on consensus and has a more exacting definition of consensus than does LWV. For the League, consensus just means an overall sense of the group. The community team has defined consensus as agreement they can accept, support, live with, or agree not to oppose. Consensus means **no** representatives voiced objection to the position and all agree not to oppose the position. If no consensus can be reached, a vote will be taken, and minority and majority positions will be documented for the community team recommendations.

Community team meetings are open to the general public. There has been limited, but adequate, time at meetings for public comment. The web-site www.oregonocean.info/ posts announcements, agendas, minutes, and supporting documents for each of the community teams. I am trying to follow the workings of the Cape Perpetua Community Team online or, when possible, in person. I hope its thoughtful process will result in a useful, sustainable, and generally accepted, system of marine reserves on the Oregon coast.

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Membership Form

For information call Frances Van Wert
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Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

	Individual	Household
_____ I am a new member	\$50	\$75
_____ I am renewing my membership		
_____ I am interested in working with the League.		
_____ Please call me.		

The membership year begins October 1.
Please make checks payable to: LWV of Lincoln County
Dues are not tax deductible.

Contributions to LWV Oregon and LWV United States Education Fund are tax deductible.

I wish to contribute an additional amount to the LWV Oregon Education Fund \$ _____

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These contributions assist LWV Voter Service activities and education projects.

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