

Wave Lengths

A publication of the League of Women Voters of Lincoln County

May 2007

ANNUAL MEETING

Thursday, May 17, 2007

12 noon, Newport Library

Speaker: Judge Robert J. Huckleberry
State of Oregon, Circuit Court,
17th Judicial District

A light lunch buffet will be served.

Judge Huckleberry will join us for lunch and discuss his work as Presiding Judge of the Circuit Court in our District.

We anticipate that he may address issues that impact on the work done by the Court. Certainly, in his work on the Court and in cases that come before him, he sees problems and issues confronting Lincoln County in a broad scope that provides a greater understanding of the concerns that need to be addressed in our county

As part of the State league's Judiciary Study, completed in April, Maxine Demory and a member of the State league interviewed Judge Huckleberry and other district personnel, recognizing that our District Court is doing an excellent job in those areas that are of concern in many Oregon jurisdictions. We reviewed these at our April meeting, and copies of the Judicial Study will be available at the meeting.

Following the program we will hold our annual meeting, electing officers and board members, and announcing committee assignments.

We will also briefly review positions and actions taken based on studies that were completed during the past year, for both the Lincoln County and Oregon League of Women Voters.

AGENDA

Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Lincoln County May 17, 2007

Call to Order **Ruth Kistler**

Adoption of Meeting Agenda

Approval of the Minutes of Annual Meeting, May 25, 2006.

Election of Officers and Directors, 2007-2008

President	Ruth Kistler
Vice President	Charmian Mass
Treasurer	Jamie Auburn
Directors:	Dale Harlan
	Frances VanWert

Continuing:	
Secretary	Suzanne Maxson

Committee Appointments:

Nominating	_____
Publicity	_____
Voters Service	Susan Krein

Continuing:
(The following agreed to continue current assignments.)

Voters Service	Nancy Jones
Membership	Susan Krein
Grapefruit	Martha Holmberg
Newsletter	Susan Krein

(publication only)

After several changes to our May meeting dates, we have scheduled our Annual Meeting for **May 17th, 12:00 noon, at the Newport Library**. Our speaker, Judge Huckleberry, has a demanding court schedule and this change made it possible for him to attend the meeting. We hope this will work well for our members.

2006-07 Program Report

HOMELESS YOUTH AND FAMILIES

The LWV of Lincoln County participated in the State League's study on Homeless Youth, including Homeless Families in the local study, focusing on the issue throughout the year. In November, 2006, the LWV of Lincoln County adopted the following position.

POSITION: Homeless Youth

LWV Lincoln County supports state and local programs and services, which intervene to prevent conditions that lead to homelessness.

LWV LC supports the ASF (Adoption and Safe Families Act), which provides funding to local programs and services and the long range goal to put at risk children into a permanent healthy family environment through adoption or, if possible, education and treatment for parent(s) to return the children to their families, or to place them with other family members.

LWVLC supports state, county, city, and private programs, specifically including schools, which attempt to identify children at risk before a situation becomes critical.

LWVLC supports and encourages proactive programs to assist youth and families, including affordable housing and emergency shelters, daycare centers for children, and improved public transportation systems.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING PLAN

Two meetings were held in Lincoln County to address the need for Affordable Housing in Lincoln County. Charmian Mass attended the meeting in Lincoln City, and Susan Krein attended the Newport meeting. Action related to implementing plans developed at those meetings has been slow.

VOTER SERVICE

Voter Registration – In October Voter Service chair Nancy Jones organized Voter Registration activities with locations in Depoe Bay, Lincoln City, Siletz, Newport, Toledo, Waldport, and Yachats.

Voters' Guides – During October, over 20,000 non-partisan Voters' Guides were distributed in local newspapers and at locations throughout Lincoln and Tillamook Counties, including libraries, schools, community colleges, community centers, senior centers, homeless facilities, with special versions in Easy Read, Large Print, and Spanish where these would be helpful to voters. Those participating included Victoria Bird, Mary Boice, Nancy Jones, Joan Haffner, Charmian Mass, Suzanne Maxson, Carol Hall, Dale Harlan, Martha Holmberg, Ruth Kistler, Susan Krein, and Andi Sachs.

WATER POLICY AND PLANNING POSITION

The LWV of Lincoln County agreed to participate in a two-year statewide study proposed by the Lane County LWV, the purpose of which is to update the LWV's position on Water Policy and Planning and Water Quality standards and applications.

This will be a focus of the Lincoln County League in the year ahead, and is of particular concern in our county with the continued increase in housing development and need to fund the means for supplying water to developments planned throughout Lincoln County, particularly in light of the number of developments that plan to include golf courses and other amenities that require large quantities of water.

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JUDICIAL STUDY

Our April meeting focused on the State League's two-year study of the Oregon Judiciary. Our League is participating in the study; Maxine Demory has conducted interviews of local court officials. Circuit Court Judge Huckleberry will speak at the Annual Meeting in May.

Membership

Our membership continues to grow, increasing to 44 members in May of 2007. It is also gratifying to see more of our members involved in local and state studies, attending Legislative hearings locally and in Salem, participating in efforts to increase school funding and becoming involved in educational programs and environmental issues.

With an increasing number of members in the Lincoln City area, consideration should be given to holding meetings that are more easily accessible for north county members.

Each member is a potential spokesperson for action in our community, and is encouraged to bring their interests and concerns to the League. Many of us volunteer in several areas, including health care, environmental concerns, local government activities and decision making, education, public libraries, needs of the elderly... our involvements and commitments are extensive.

Members are encouraged to bring to the League issues and concerns for discussion and understanding. We can learn so much from one another, and working together we can find solutions.

OUR MEMBERS

Joann and Phil Anselone
 Jamie Auburn
 Lucille Bacon
 Mary Banvard
 Junanne (Judy) Beall
 Victoria Bird
 Mary Lou Boice
 Jean Cowan
 Jana Cowan
 Maxine Demory
 Ann Eaton
 Millie Ehrman
 Freda G. Fuller

Janice Gerdeman
 Peggy Gray
 Sue and James Groshong
 Lorene and Dick Groshong
 Joan Haffner
 Carol Hall
 Dale Harlan
 Janette Hart
 Martha Holmberg
 Nancy Jones
 Ruth Kistler
 Rex Krabbe
 Susan Krein

Nancy Leonard
 Charmian Mass
 Suzanne Maxson
 Rebecca McGee
 Ruby Miller
 Helena W. Moore
 Nancy G. Oertel
 Louisa Osborn
 Marilyn Podesta
 Andi Sachs
 Glen and Laurie Shipley
 Betty Sparks
 Francis Van Wert
 Anne Williams

Next BOARD MEETING

Monday, August 27, 2007, 1:00 p.m.
 (Location to be determined.)
 All members are welcome to attend.



The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy.