



League of Women Voters of Lincoln County, Oregon September 2010

LWVUS 2010 Convention
Ruth Kistler

LWV of Lincoln County didn't send any delegates to the LWVUS Convention in Atlanta, June 11-15, but 12 delegates from the Oregon state League and Oregon local Leagues did take part.

The Convention adopted a board-recommended study of the federal role in public education. The study will focus on the role of the federal government in education policymaking, with possible consideration of funding, common standards and/or governance relationships among all levels of the government. It may look at accountability, assessments, testing, unfunded mandates, common standards, No Child Left Behind, Race to the Top, etc., as resources permit. The convention also adopted a Seattle-League-recommended study on "privatization", the transfer of government functions, services and assets to the private sector. Among the areas in which privatization is occurring are prisons, education, health care and the military -- more than half the soldiers fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan are mercenaries who are paid far more than our own U.S. military forces.

The Convention also adopted

- v An updated Arms Control Position
- v An addition to the LWVUS position on selection of the President: "We support the use of the National Popular Vote Compact as one acceptable way to achieve the goal of the direct popular vote for election of the president until the abo-

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First 2010-11
Membership Meeting

Thursday, September 16, Noon
Newport Public Library

Reconnect with your League friends!

Discuss plans for League activities for the November General Election.

Kick-off our annual grapefruit (yum) sales.



View and Discuss the Oregon Sea Grant video:

Preparing For Coastal Climate Change
What Oregonians are Asking.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Ruth Kistler



Where did the Summer go? I hoped to make some progress on my yard, but the weeds, the blackberries, and the deer won again. And the stacks of unread books have also grown.

Suddenly, here's a new League year with new challenges to face, and perhaps new directions to take in meeting those challenges.

We'll be providing Voter Service for the upcoming November General Election. Members may be registering voters at various venues, as well as publicizing Oregon's on-line voter registration. We've ordered Voters' Guides and we'll advertise that they are available on-line and at public libraries. We've planned a Ballot Measure Forum for October 24; local League members will present the ballot measures. We hope to sponsor a candidate debate between local candidates, but arrangements are not yet complete. (We'll keep you informed.)

I'm a member of the LWVOR Coastal Study committee. We had our first meeting in July. After a slow start during the summer, work has been picking up. I've signed myself up to research and write about Ocean (wind and wave) Energy. This is a learning experience for me, as League standards of research and documentation are very high. Our committee could use lots of additional help.

Our consensus report on the study, Water Quantity and Quality in Oregon, is due November 30. We will discuss the Water Study at our November meeting. If you have not already read it, please do so before our meeting. You can find both Parts I and II of the study at the member section of the LWVOR website, or I can get a copy for you. Bring your own experiences and

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Pay Your Dues!
(please)

Annual dues are due October 1. This year we've raised our dues to \$60 (previously \$50) for an individual and \$90 (previously \$75) for a second member in a household. But low-income members can pay less -- \$40 for an individual, \$60 for the household. It's your decision which level of dues applies to you. But please pay your dues!

For each individual member, we currently pay the state and national Leagues a total of \$57.20 each year (per member payment). They get half that for a second member in a household. We also use dues money to rent meeting rooms, to put out this newsletter, to pay for our website, to pay for Voters' Guides, to pay for registration at workshops and conferences, etc., etc. It's really a bargain, so please pay your dues! Use the Membership Form on the back page.

Calendar

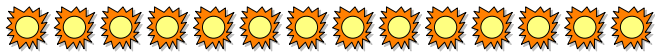
- September 16 General meeting**
Coastal Climate Change
Noon—Newport Public Library
- September 17 CONSTITUTION DAY**
- September 27 Board Meeting**
1PM—West Coast Bank in
Newport
- October 1 Dues are due**
- October 7 Project Homeless Connect**
- October 10 Day For Climate Action**
- October 12 Last day to register to vote in**
November General Election
- October 16 LWVOR Fall Workshop in Eugene**
- October 21 General meeting**
November ballot measures
Noon—Newport Public Library
- October 24 Public Ballot Measure Forum**
2PM—Newport Visual Arts
Center
- October 25 Board Meeting**
1PM—West Coast Bank in
Newport

Grapefruit
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The League of Women Voters of Lincoln County is taking orders for boxes of Texas ruby red grapefruit until November 15. Each box contains from 16 to 24 grapefruit and sells for \$18.00. Orders must be prepaid and will be delivered in early December. Maxine Demory will distribute grapefruit order packets to members at our September 16 meeting. Call Maxine at 265-7532 for an order form or to order your grapefruit.

The League has been selling grapefruit as a fundraiser for the past thirteen years and has many repeat customers. Proceeds are used by the League to cover both ordinary expenses, such as meeting room rental and newsletter expenses, and Voter Service expenses, such as the cost of distributing Voters' Guides and conducting candidate forums, as well as subsidizing dues for low-income members.



Kappy Eaton to receive Governor's Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award



Ruth Kistler

Any member who attends our state League Conventions, Workshops, or "Day at the Legislature" is already familiar with Kappy Eaton. This Eugene League member and past LWVOR president (1991-93) is the League's action coordinator for Governance, which, to me, is at the core of what the League is about. Kappy has been selected to receive the Governor's Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer Achievement Award. This is what the Oregon Volunteers website says about Kappy:

From advocating for campaign finance reform to serving on the Camp Fire Board of Directors, Katherine "Kappy" Eaton has made community service her lifetime career. Kappy has held volunteer leadership positions with the American Association of University Women and the League of Women Voters, campaigning for non-partisan issues such as increasing voter registration. She played an important role in lobbying for the passage of the Motor Voter Act in Oregon in 1991 and has directed the Oregon League of Women Voters to focus on efforts to reform campaign finance since the early 1990s. These efforts have included the successful creation of ORE-STAR, an online filing system for reporting campaign funding and expenses. From serving meals to the homeless at Central Presbyterian Church to serving as the President of the Oregon Women's Rights Coalition, or monitoring and assisting with free elections in Bosnia and Hungary, Kappy's volunteer service reflects a strong commitment to principles of fairness and equality.



"The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a grassroots, nonpartisan political organization which encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government in order to build better communities statewide."

LWV LINCOLN COUNTY

		<u>Directors</u>
President	Ruth Kistler	Maxine Demory
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		Frances Van Wert
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	Membership	Frances Van Wert
	Publicity	Millie Ehrman
	Newsletter	Joan Haffner
	Child Health	Martha Holmberg
	Nominating	vacant

LWVUS 2010 Convention

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lition of the Electoral College is accomplished.”

- v An addition to the LWVUS Equality of Opportunity position supporting equal rights, obligations, and benefits for same-gender couples, including civil marriage.
- v A resolution supporting lifting travel restrictions for Americans going to Cuba.
- v A resolution calling on the Senate to change its rules to limit the use of the filibuster.
- v Resolutions calling on the Board to use the resources of the League to support greater oversight in the development of fossil fuels and the need for those responsible for the oil spill to be held accountable.

The Convention also increased the national PMP rate to \$29.70 for 2010-2011, and to \$30.00 for 2011-2012.

For more details, go to www.lwv.org -> For members -> Council & Convention.



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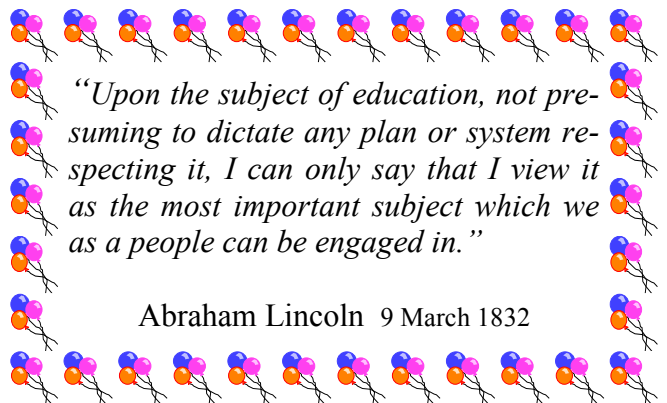
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perspective to what promises to be an interesting discussion in November.

You can see that we anticipate a productive League year. To pull it off we need help! Last year's Vice President, AnaMaria Smith, resigned to move to Salem and become a full-time grandmother. We share her joy in this life event, but

miss her energy and enthusiasm here. Alas, the Vice Presidency is vacant! The role of the Vice President is to be an active board member, to fill in when I'm not available, and perhaps to take on the local League presidency at the completion of my current term as president. We also need to gather a nominating committee, starting with a chairperson. Suzanne Maxson, who is our Secretary and a board member, has been serving in this capacity, but she discovered that our by-laws require a nominating committee chair who is not a board member. And the newsletter also needs help! Joan Haffner has been our newsletter and website publisher for many years. Now Tony Haffner is seriously ill and undergoing treatment in Portland, and Joan has had to resign from her LWVOR board position and very much reduce her local League involvement in order to be with him until he recovers. Jack Kistler, my hubby and a League member, has stepped up to put this issue of the newsletter together. Jack is enjoying this job, but I'll be asking our other members to provide content for future newsletters and to help with distribution.

A final note – Pay your dues! And when you send in your dues, consider adding a contribution (by separate check) to the League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund (LWVOREF). Such a contribution is tax deductible, and it goes into our Local League's Education Fund. We can use these funds to pay for Voters' Guides and for advertising and room rental for voter service events (like ballot or candidate forums).



10/10/10 – Global Day of Climate Action

On October 10, 2010, thousands of communities across the globe will be taking action to address climate change -- celebrating what people can do right now to make an impact, garnering media attention for climate action, and sending a strong message to decision-makers at all levels that it's time for them to do their job, too.

The 10/10/10 campaign is being organized by 350.org, an international movement aimed at uniting the world around solutions to the climate crisis. The focus is on the number 350 -- as in 350 parts per million of carbon dioxide (ppm CO₂), the amount that leading climate scientists say is the safe upper limit for CO₂ in our atmosphere. Many 10/10/10 activities, therefore, incorporate the number 350 in some way. Currently, earth's atmosphere contains 380 parts per million of carbon dioxide, so getting back to 350 ppm requires a rollback, not just slowing emissions rates.

Global climate change is one of the most **serious threats** facing our nation and our planet today. Increasingly severe consequences are projected for more people and more regions of the world unless we act now -- as individuals, as communities, and as a nation. For its part, the League is calling for prompt action to **cut this country's GHG emissions**, freeze construction of new coal-fired power plants, **invest in a new clean energy economy**, and help the world's poorest countries tackle the challenges of climate change. State and local Leagues, and individual League members, have a **critical role** to play in helping to **limit future climate change and protect the planet**. The LWVUS toolkit provides action plans and resources that Leagues and League members can use to --

- v help people in their community learn what they can do at the individual and household levels to **save energy and reduce their carbon footprint**,

- v work with their community to **set emissions-reduction goals** and then develop and implement a plan to achieve those goals, and
- v build grassroots support for strong action on climate change at the state and federal levels, including eventual ratification of an effective international climate agreement.

What does our local League want to do?



Project Homeless Connect Ruth Kistler

The fourth annual Lincoln County Project Homeless Connect will take place October 7, from 10 am to 3 pm. The League of Women Voters is again participating. Government and non-profit agencies (like us) will have representatives at the event to provide services to homeless individuals and families. The homeless, guests at the event, will receive medical and prescription assistance, help in obtaining identification, as well as food stamps, energy, housing and legal assistance. League members will register guests and other participants to vote. If you would like to help us, call Suzanne Maxson, 563-5231.

LWVOR Fall Workshop NEW DIRECTIONS

Saturday, October 16, 2010
Eugene Garden Club
9:30 AM to 3:00 PM



Climate Change:

How can we make a difference?

Election Update:

Video Voters' Guide;
Voters' Guide redesign

Education:

National study;
local concerns



Action:

Election Measures and
Legislative Session

Local League Networking:

Share your history;
Record your story

Mock Election:

Exciting innovations



ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND! Bring a GUEST!

A map and directions are available on the www.lwvor.org Members' site (user name "lwvor" and password "carriecatt"). Click on Events.

LWVOR Fall Workshop registration form

Advance registration required—return by **Oct. 8, 2010**

Yes, I want to attend the LWVOR Fall Workshop!

Name: _____

LWV Member? Yes No If yes, indicate League: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Workshop with lunch: \$21.00 member; \$26.00 guest (Vegetarian option will be available)

Workshop only: \$14.00 member; \$19.00 guest

Make checks payable to LWVOR and return with this form to LWVOR, 1330 12th St. SE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97302 by **October 8, 2010**. Questions? Call 503-581-5722 or email lwvor@lwvor.org.

Ballot Measures: November 2010 General Election

Ruth Kistler

There will be 7 ballot measures on the November General Election Ballot, the smallest number of measures in 28 years. At their August meeting, your board of directors decided that our League will sponsor a public ballot measure forum on Sunday afternoon, October 24. Local League members will present the measures, giving equal time to arguments in favor of, and opposed to, each measure. The Voters' Guides and Speakers Kit for the November election will be available in late September. We will discuss the ballot measures and run through our presentations at our October 21 membership meeting.

The state League has taken stands on three of the ballot measures, based on existing positions. The League supports Measure #71, which would amend the Oregon Constitution to allow the Legislature to meet annually. The League's Constitutional Provisions state that "The Oregon Constitution should provide for a legislative assembly that is permitted to meet in annual sessions." The League first testified in 1975 for a change from biennial to annual legislative sessions. It is clear that the state's fiscal policies and budgets require legislative reviews more often than is currently possible.

The League opposes Measure #73, which increases minimum sentences for major felony sex crimes and imposes a minimum incarceration for a third DUI conviction. League opposition is based on the increase cost to the state for courts and correctional facilities. A funding source is not identified. The League Adult Corrections position also supports judicial discretion in sentences.

The League supports Measure #76, which would amend the Oregon Constitution to continue lottery funding for parks, beaches, wildlife habitat and watershed protection beyond 2014. The League studied the Oregon parks system in 1997-98, and adopted a position in 1999. We believe that a parks system is an appropriate function of state government. 7.5% of lottery monies would continue to fund these sites and services. The other 7.5% of lottery monies would continue local watershed councils and provide funding for projects that protect or clean up Oregon's streams and rivers. That work fits with our positions on Water Policy and Planning and Water Quality.

A more detailed explanation of the reasons behind League positions on these ballot measures can be found in the Fall 2010 issue of the LWVOR newsletter, "Voter".

Measure #	Title	League Position
70	Amends Constitution: Expands availability of home ownership loans for Oregon veterans through Oregon War Veterans' Fund	No position
71	Amends Constitution: Requires legislature to meet annually; limits length of legislative sessions; provides exceptions.	Support
72	Amends Constitution: Authorizes exception to \$50,000 state borrowing limit for state's real and personal property projects	No position
73	Requires increased minimum sentences for certain repeated sex crimes, incarceration for repeated driving under influence.	Oppose
74	Establishes medical marijuana supply system and assistance and research programs; allows limited selling of marijuana.	No position
75	Authorizes Multnomah County casino; casino to contribute monthly revenue percentage to state for specified purposes.	No position
76	Amends Constitution: Continues lottery funding for parks, beaches, wildlife habitat, watershed protection beyond 2014; modifies funding process.	Support

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League of Women Voters
of Lincoln County

Membership Form

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

Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

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

I am a new member

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 \$ _____

Make check out to "LWVOREF"

I wish to contribute to LWV Lincoln County \$ _____

These contributions assist LWV Voter Service activities and education projects.

(Contributions to Educational Funds and payment of dues must be on separate checks.)

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Please mail to: Frances Van Wert, 742 NW 2nd CT, Newport, OR 97365