

LEAGUE LINES



A Newsletter of the League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley
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September 2015

Let's Get Together!

Please join us Thursday, September 24 from 7:00-8:30 at the First Presbyterian Church, 823 SE Lane Ave., in Roseburg where we can get acquainted

- with each other
- with LWV issues
- with opportunities for service
- with ICE CREAM

Speaking of Getting Together...

We hope you'll mark your calendars and plan to join us from 12:00-1:00 every first Tuesday of the month, for a casual hour of discussion. We're calling it First Tuesday Talk Time. Bring your lunch if you'd like and we'll provide beverages. We'll be meeting at 428 SE Chadwick, in a space graciously offered by Marcia Hall. This starts October 6. There might even be chocolate!

Board Meeting Schedule

Our Board of Directors' meetings will be on the first Wednesday of each month from 2:00-3:30 at 428 SE Chadwick. If you are interested in attending, or have an issue you'd like the board to consider, just let Jenny know a few days ahead of time.

Membership Matters

The more members we have, the stronger voice we can be for positive change. Our membership has been increasing. We want to extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Mary Bacich. We're looking forward to meeting you! LWVUV currently has 55 members, and a goal of reaching **Sixty by 2016 and Seventy by Summer!** Invite your friends and neighbors to come join us!

Garden Tour 2016

We need your help to find gardens for next year's tour!

We also need new committee members.

(Committee members should have email access.)

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President's Message

Greetings LWWUV Members and Friends,

As a busy summer comes to an end, and I look forward to a new league year, this time as your president, I am struck by the awesome amount of work voluntarily undertaken every year by a network of LWV members all over the country, and beyond.

There's a lot going on in League. The old adage, "many hands make light work", springs to mind when I consider what's being undertaken at the national and state levels, and how our league will be a part of it.

When your Board met on September 3 to plan for the coming year, we opted to forge ahead with committees on Governance, Social Policy, and Natural Resources. Our Governance Committee will help us prepare to reach consensus on questions related to two studies LWV is conducting at the national level. One is about the constitutional amendment process and will be the topic of our November meeting. The other study focuses on money in politics, which will be our topic in January.

Please go to lwv.org and click on the OUR WORK heading to find out more about both of these topics.

At the state level, due to a large number of complaints about lack of access to public records, the Secretary of State's office has formed a review committee charged with recommending improvements to the legislature by November 1, 2015. Local Leagues have been asked to inquire about access issues in their local areas. What has been your experience in accessing public information from your city or county government or other public agency? Are you interested in investigating this at the local level? There's a place for you on our Governance Committee!

Last year, some of our League's most popular events highlighted changes in the world of health care and the success of the Mental Health Court in our community. We also affirmed the value of early educational opportunity, especially to "children at risk". We'll continue to publicize the importance of pre-kindergarten learning experiences. In addition, we'll learn more about the League of Women Voters of Oregon's efforts, in conjunction with other groups, to resolve issues that have prevented Oregon from funding education adequately. If health care or education issues are your interest, there's a place for you on our Social Policy Committee!

If your interest is in Natural Resources, we've got a place for you, too! And, there's the Garden Tour Committee! Proceeds from this fundraising event allow LWWUV to keep your membership rates low and do the work we do.

To find out more about the many things our state League is doing, go to lwv.or.org. To get more involved locally, just contact me at jennifer.carloni@gmail.com or 541-672-1914. Check out our local League website at lwvuv.wordpress.com.

Hoping to include U in LWWUV,

Jenny Carloni
LWWUV President

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2015 Garden Tour

I am happy to report that the 2015 LWVUV Garden Tour was a great success again this year. It was held on the 2nd Saturday in June, and the weather was fabulous!

The Garden Tour is the major fundraiser for our local league. From the proceeds, we are able to subsidize our local membership dues, in addition to contributing to our, and the state's educational funds. This year our very own LWVUV's "Nonchalant Cafe" - the brain child of Robin Hartman and Robin Wisdom - sold coffee, ice cream, and baked goods at one of the gardens. A fundraiser within a fundraiser! Every year we sell our homemade, silk, tie-dyed scarves at one of the gardens as well.



Our Garden Tour has become an anticipated annual event in our community. In addition to being an opportunity to see gardens and interview gardeners, it's a day of mingling with local artists and craftsmen. To give you an idea of how we try to highlight local businesses, this year Bias Plywood sold raised planter boxes at one of the gardens. At another garden, residents of that neighborhood put up booths of their own artwork. Musicians from around Douglas County have traditionally participated in our event as well, volunteering for however much time they feel comfortable performing. Some have asked to be included in future tours.

There were 6 gardens on the tour again this year. That seems to be a good number for the time allotted; 10:00 to 5:00. For the first time a Community Garden was included on the tour.

We are currently lining up gardens for next year's Garden Tour. If you have any suggestions of gardeners who might be included in future tours, we are looking for more. We need to have the gardens decided upon very soon. Please be advised that we are looking at gardens in some of the outlying communities. If you know of anyone who is interested, contact Nancy Farris @ 541-643-8113.

I would like to thank the men and women who set aside 4 hours of their Saturday to act as greeters, and answer questions. This year the volunteers were: Julee Wright, Jenny Carloni, Libby Mizell, Mary Brown, Ellen Williams, Charlotte Herbert, Beverly Paulson, Anna Willman, Minnie Grossen, Alice Lackey, Kathy Vejtasa, Joyce Akse, JoAnn DeSpain, Sydney Richardson, Penny Reed, Sue Waite, Cheri Page, Bob Allen, Diana Wales, Scott McKain, Carol Bailey, Anne Nicholas, Kareen LaValley, Sally McKain, Martha Sinkula and Michelle Harding-Olson. Thanks also to Robin Hartmann and Robin Wisdom who ran the *Nonchalant Café*.

Submitted by Nancy Farris for the Garden Tour Committee; Beverly Paulson, Robin Hartman, Penny Reed, Sally McKain

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Mission Statement

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Great Schools, Great Communities Project

By Robin Wisdom, Project Chair

9/7/15

The League is busy with many interesting projects. One official LWVOR project is the **'Great Schools, Great Communities' Project** led by one of our Umpqua Valley League members, Robin Wisdom. For some time, it was called the *'Education Funding Forum Series'*, but now it has a better name. The project is ready to schedule a **'Great Schools, Great Communities' Forum** in our area between October 2015 and April 2016. Tentatively, the Umpqua Valley League board has scheduled a forum to be held in Roseburg in March 2016.

There is no cost to the local League. Local Leagues are asked to help arrange a location where the forum can be held and spread the word to recruit a manageable number of attendees. If this one-time project has your attention and you would like to assist, please contact Robin Wisdom at r.wisdom@lwvor.org or call her at 541-672-6982.

Read the latest here about the project: <http://voteoregon.org/issues/great-schools/>.

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Yes! I want to join the League! ____ as a new member. ____ as a renewing member.



I am enclosing:

- ___ \$ 60 for Individual Membership
- ___ \$ 85 for two Household Members
- ___ \$ 30 for Student or Limited Income Member
- ___ \$ ____ Contribution to LWVUV budget (not tax-deductible)
- ___ \$ ____ TOTAL to LWVUV (not tax deductible)
- ___ \$ ____ Contribution to LWVOR (tax-deductible; requires separate check to LWVOR)
(LWVUV can use these funds for educational projects or per-member payment to LWVUS)

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Mail check(s) & form to Treasurer Robin Wisdom, 1260 Arcadia Drive, Roseburg, OR 97471

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Send in Your Dues in October!

Members and Friends, get ready to send in your Membership Dues in October.

Support your League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley! We are so fortunate to have a League in our area. There are only 14 local Leagues in Oregon, and we are one of them.

Dues are \$60 per year, \$85 for two in a household, and \$30 for a student or limited income. Dues for state and national come to \$62.50 this year. The proceeds of the Garden Tour 2015 have helped us keep the cost of dues down to you. Remember the important work the League does on all levels, local, state and national.

Thank you for your continued support.

September	22	National Voter Registration Day		
September	24	General Meeting Ice Cream Social	First Presbyterian Church 823 SE Lane Roseburg	7-8:30 PM
October	6	First Tuesday Talk Time	428 SE Chadwick Roseburg	12-1PM
October	7	Board Meeting	428 Chadwick Roseburg	2-3:30
October	20	General Meeting– Norman Turrill Robin Wisdom LWVOR	Douglas County Library Roseburg Ford Room	7:00-8:30
October	23,24	Early Childhood Conference	UCC Lang Event Center	
October	31	LWVOR Fall Workshop	Eugene	

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