# **Calendar of Events**

Sep 17 National Voter Registration Day

Sep 29 Oran Mor League Social 3pm-5pm

Oct 8 Candidates Forum in Reedsport

Oct 10 Robert Heilman "Living in Scary Times" Roseburg Public Library 7pm – 8:30pm

Oct 15 Voter registration deadline

Oct 16 First Ballots mailed out

Nov 5 Election Day

Membership Meeting TBA

No Dec Membership Meeting

Jan 14 Childcare Study Consensus & Program Planning Meeting



# Save the Dates!

# Sunday, September 29 3PM – 5PM Oran Mor Artisan Meadery

Join your League at Oran Mor Artisan Meadery on Sunday, Sept. 29 at 3PM to 5PM. Learn about what's planned for the year so far, and what the state and national Leagues have in store for us. We'll talk about the "Transformation Plan" that LWVUS is now working on and will take effect in February 2025.

Take a survey and just tell us about what you are doing, what your interests are.

Iced tea and lemonade will be provided. Or try some mead! Food will also be available for purchase.

The Meadery is located at 305 Melrose Road, Roseburg, OR. Head west on Garden Valley Blvd. After the left turn to Melrose, look for the right hand turn into the Meadery across from Lehne's Stand.

https://www.oranmormead.com/

# Thursday, October 10 7PM - 8:30PM Robert Heilman Presents

"Let's Stop Being Afraid of Each Other"

During this fraught election season, beware of fear tactics.

Learn more by joining us in person or online on Oct. 10 at 7pm to hear local author Robert Heilman speak to "Thoughts on Living in These Scary Times". Robert's guest column addressing this topic appeared in the *News-Review* on July 16, 2024.

https://bit.ly/3WS5eQL

Location: Roseburg Public Library, Ford Room Time: 7PM to 8:30PM

Online Zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82852313342

Please attend in person if you can, otherwise you are more than welcome to join us via Zoom. Robert will discuss his column, and then will lead a discussion on the subject.

Refreshments will be served. All are welcome to attend.

## **Action Alerts and How They Work**

Mid-August League members received an Action Alert about submitting comments in support of the **Oregon Climate Protection Program (CPP)**.

The State Action Team requested that we let the DEQ know of our support by August 30<sup>th</sup>. Typically, when such a request is issued, all League members in the state of Oregon should respond when able. Of course, participation is optional, but to have the greatest impact, we as League members should do our best to contribute.

A little background from LWVOR about the CPP Action Alert:

This year the League of Women Voters of Oregon has joined in coalition with a diverse alliance of environmental, economic, and climate justice advocates, businesses, and Indigenous communities working to restore Oregon's Climate Protection Program (CPP). The CPP sets clear, enforceable targets for oil and gas companies to reduce their climate pollution 90% by 2050. It will also enable upwards of \$150 million annually in statewide Community Climate Investments directly to low-income and communities of color who are most impacted by climate change.

LWVOR is deeply committed to addressing climate issues in Oregon. Whether it's the need for cleaner air, the protection of our natural resources, advancing environmental justice for Oregonians hardest hit by climate related disasters, or the creation of sustainable jobs, your voice matters. You can read LWVOR testimony on the CPP <a href="here">here</a>.

The public comment period for the Climate Protection Program (CPP) was open through August 30.

Watch for future Action Alerts emailed out from LWVOR, and please take the time to follow up with even just a short paragraph or two. In doing so, You are exercising your Advocacy muscles!

### **An Important Date to Save!**

#### **Candidates Forum in Reedsport**

LWVUV is working with the Reedsport Rotary Club to hold a candidate forum at the Pacific Auditorium in Reedsport on Oct. 8. More details will be forthcoming via email.

LWVUV will present candidate questions similarly to how we have done it in the past here in Roseburg. We will lead the meeting and collect written questions from the attendees. The Rotary Club will be the candidates' contact.

This is the first time we have had the opportunity to hold an event in Reedsport as far as I can remember.

We invite all LWVUV members to attend, to assist at this meeting. Let us know if you plan to attend.

Robin Wisdom, 541-672-6982, rwisdom@jeffnet.org

# **Program Planning Basics 2025**

**When:** Wednesday, September 11 from 5 to 6:30PM **Who:** Open to all league members.

**Where:** Zoom; here is our meeting link

There will be many tasks for each local League to accomplish this year to prepare for LWVOR Convention 2025. Our LWVOR 2025 Program Planning team is eager to offer this opportunity to discuss and answer your questions about annual Program Planning. Topics will include, but are not limited to: Concurrence, consensus, state positions recommendations, new state study proposals, preparation for LWVOR Program 2025 to be voted upon by delegates at 2025 Convention, and more.

For all questions or comments, please contact: Jean Pierce, Action Chair <u>advocacy@lwvor.org</u> Annie Goldner, Issues Positions Chair <u>a.goldner@lwvor.org</u>



# **Statewide Ballot Measures** on the November Ballot

Туре	Title	Description
<u>LRCA</u>	Impeachment of Elected State Executives Amendment Measure 115	Allow the Legislature to impeach elected state executives
<u>LRCA</u>	Independent Public Service Compensation Commission Amendment Measure 116	Establish the Independent Public Service Compensation Commission to determine certain public officials' salaries
<u>LRSS</u>	Ranked-Choice Voting for Federal and State Elections Measure 117	Establish ranked choice voting for federal and state offices
CISS	Corporate Tax Revenue Rebate for Residents Initiative Measure 118	Require Oregon issue rebates to residents from surplus corporate tax revenue
<u>CISS</u>	Unionization of Cannabis Workers Initiative Measure 119	Require cannabis businesses to submit to the Oregon Liquor and Cannabis Commission a signed labor peace agreement between the business and a labor organization with its licensure or renewal application

# **Local Ballot Measures on the November Ballot**

Measure 10-209 Tenmile Rural Fire District Tax Renewal

Measure 10-210 Prohibits psilocybin businesses within Sutherlin

Find out more about these by visiting Douglas County's election website under **Current Measures**.

# SPRING GARDEN TOUR 2025

Hello LWVUV Members,

After making numerous cold-calls, asking for suggestions, and writing letters, we have a garden tour of 5 for next year. We could easily add one more, if we find another.

The tour will be the first Saturday in June, the 7th.

The first two gardens are in the old Roseburg neighborhoods near downtown, one of which includes a tour of an historic home-turned-Inn, also included for touring. The third garden is two miles up a bit

of a hill from them. The final two gardens are in the Hucrest area - just around the corner from each other!

Photos are from the 2024 Tour





The gardeners are super enthusiastic! On one of the cold calls a committee member and I made, the gardener listened to my spiel, and with a sigh said, "...Wow. That makes this all worth it!" (And that... makes doing this job "worth it" to me! (4)

Finding gardeners to volunteer their time and space so that 300+ strangers can tromp through and view it... is a fraught task. (Gardeners aren't exactly knocking down our doors.) Please keep us in mind when you see lovely or clever or colorful gardens. Big or small, we are interested!

Nancy Farris Garden Tour Chair 541-643-8113, nfarris73@icloud.com

#### **LWVOR Council 2024**

Theme: Empowering Voters. Defending Democracy. This Council was held on **May 17-19, 2024**, in Newport, Oregon, and hosted by the Lincoln County League. Umpqua Valley was represented by Robin and Gerald Wisdom.

Here's a bit of what was discussed: workshops, an action committee report, a list of studies, and membership info. And much more.

The Luncheon Speaker was Mark Farley, Strategic Initiatives and Communications Manager for the Hatfield Marine Science Center.

Workshop I – Youth Recruitment and Retention Chloe Acosta, LWVOR Youth Council Legislative Communications Director

Chloe provided firsthand insights into her experiences and perspectives as a young person working in legislative advocacy. The workshop also delved into initiatives led by LWVOR Youth Council.

2:30–3:30 – Workshop II – LWVUS Transformation Melissa Breach, LWVUS Board Member Melissa discussed the Structural Transformation Plan for the streamlined joining process that will facilitate the engagement of more members through local, state, and national websites and through national membership campaigns.

3:45–4:30 – Workshop III – Action Committee Panel Jean Pierce, LWVOR Action Co-Chair Action Committee volunteers shared a presentation discussing legislation which they worked on during the 2024 Legislative Session:

# 15 League-supported bills passed during the 2024 Legislative Session

These bills include legislation that:

- Increases foreign languages in voter pamphlets
- Limits artificial intelligence in Campaign ads
- Provides for infrastructure projects supporting housing
- Facilitates the repair of electronic devices
- Divests from thermal coal investments
- Expands training of Behavioral Health Workers
- Addresses the public use of restricted drugs
- Funds summer school

#### Taskforces/Studies in progress

Taskforce—Education K through 12. The committee plans to identify other LWV state K-12 education positions including assessment, charter schools, civic education, and using public-funds for non-public schools, and propose them in spring 2025 for concurrence votes at LWVOR Convention May 2025. Committee is led by Jean Pierce of Washington County Unit.

Study—Assessing the Recall Process in Oregon. The study committee will publish study, create, and present consensus questions to local leagues for vote by fall 2025. An agreement committee will draft positions to be approved by the board and presented at LWVOR convention May 2025. Committee led by Keli Osborn and Linda Lynch of Lane County League.

Study—Caring for Our Children. With Board approval, the study committee reconsidered to present consensus questions to local Leagues by January 2025. An agreement committee will then create and propose new position(s) to be approved by the board and used for advocacy at the next Oregon legislative session. The committee is led by Kathleen Hersh of the Washington County Unit.

Discussion—Greater Idaho Movement. The discussion group has no current plans for concurrence or study at this time. Discussions led by Diane Shockey of LWV Klamath Falls.

#### **Oregon Leagues, Units and LWVOR MAS (State Members)**

There are 12 active Leagues and 2 active Units, in addition to League members who join or renew directly with LWVOR, now known as Member-At-State (MAS) or State Members. MAS are on a rolling renewal, contacted in the month of expiry to renew.

#### **Membership Numbers:**

<b>League</b> Clackamas	<b>2021</b> 72	<b>2022</b> 88	<b>2023</b> 89
Coos	30	43	54
Corvallis	128	170	158
Curry	36	33	38
Deschutes	121	136	118
Klamath	24	21	22
Lane	141	162	157
Lincoln	28	36	36
Linn County Unit	1	1	1
Marion Polk Counties	45	65	50
Portland	328	268	255
Rogue Valley	72	76	64
Umpqua Valley	61	71	62
Washington Co. Unit	4	4	4
Oregon/MAS	11	48	43

#### **Families Helping Families**

It's always wonderful to meet someone who is doing good things in our community, especially if it is for families in need. Lola Cornish with Safe Families for Children is that special person! After meeting with Lola, I learned about Safe Families for Children. This is their mission statement: "Safe Families for Children hosts vulnerable children and creates extended family-like supports for desperate families through a community of compassionate volunteers motivated by their faith to keep children safe and ultimately together with their families."

There is a great need for volunteers willing to give a few hours a week to help out a family in need whether it be for respite or helping out a family in need of transportation or just to be a family friend among may other family needs and ways to be involved. There is so much need in our community for families in need and this is a great way to be of help.

For more information or to volunteer contact Lola Cornish at Safe Families for Children at lola.c@hwam.org or call 541-900-5256.

By Elaine Brady

### **Support Girl Scouts USA**

LWVUS has formed a national partnership with Girl Scouts USA to help empower the next generation of civic leaders. LWV has worked with Girl Scouts to relaunch their "Promote the Vote" national service project, which equips Girl Scouts and troop leaders to get ready to vote, then get out the vote in their communities as trusted messengers. "Promote the Vote" features a Girl Scouts-branded **VOTE411.org** page as its primary tool for voter engagement. It also provides collaboration guidance for local councils, troops and volunteers looking to work with Leagues to Promote the Vote, achieve new Girl Scout badges, host civic events together, and more.

LWVUS has also provided a <u>local</u> <u>collaboration guide</u> to help Leagues initiate, build, and strengthen partnerships in their communities.

However, there is no Girl Scouts organization in Douglas County at this time.



# LWV's Transformation Plan

Big changes will occur soon on the League's membership renewal platform. After ten years of debate and other plans, the Transformation plan will take effect in February 2025.

I listened in to a Zoom session recently with about 80 others from around the country at which LWV explained where they are at right now. While not all changes have been figured out yet, here are some of the changes that have been determined.

We will be able to join or renew from any location, i.e., League website.

We'll be able to still join offline.

We will be able to sign up for auto-renew.

Membership will be on a "rolling" basis, meaning your dues will be due one year from when you first pay your dues in the new system.

We'll be able to set up a profile in the new system, if we'd like to.

Dues will increase, although you will be able to pay what you can.

Instead of a fixed dues rate, members will choose their dues amount - "pay-what-you-can"

- The recommended rate will be \$75 per individual member
- The household designation is being discontinued, meaning all members will pay the \$75 or their selected amount
- There will be no student rate.
- Lifetime members will still be exempt from paying dues
- There will be a minimum renewal (or joining fee) of \$20
- Listed options of \$150, \$250, and \$500 as well
- Checks can still be sent in via the League treasurer (only); they are really discouraging the use of checks.
- Donations to local Leagues will not be split and will go directly to the local League.

These are the breakdowns of how dues are split now and will be split:

#### **Under current PMP system:**

National: 51%State: 37%Local: 12%

#### **Under new system:**

National: 33%State: 47%Local: 20%

#### **Implementation Steps**

On a by-League basis:

• Update bylaws – our current bylaws state the following:

Article VII, Section 2. Dues. Annual dues shall be determined at the annual meeting by a majority vote of the local League members present. Such dues shall be payable by each member on Nov. 30. Any member who fails to pay dues within sixty days after they become payable shall be dropped from the membership rolls. Life members shall be exempt from payment of dues.

# Continued from "LWV's Transformation Plan"

We may need to change this section at our next annual meeting.

- Take new percentage allocation into account for FY24-FY25 budget
- Guidance is available on League Management Site (see <a href="https://www.lwv.org/league-management/membership/lwv-new-membership-system-faqs">https://www.lwv.org/league-management/membership/lwv-new-membership-system-faqs</a>)
- Update roster with expiration dates, emails, and point of contact

#### All Leagues:

- Will need a "Stripe" account which will track dues and credit card numbers. One person's social security number will be required to set up Stripe. No other entity will have this data.
- Training by League role, training sessions will happen soon after the election.
- Launch in January/February 2025

We will still be able to use our website (lwvuv.org) although other Leagues have gone with ChapterSpot, a free website, or Club Express. Both are currently involved with this process. Chapter Spot is the new "membership platform". LWV will provide a widget or link to enable membership renewals and the ability to join from our website.

In view of all this, our timing is just about right. Our League will conduct its usual membership drive from Oct. 1 to Nov. 30, and we will proceed as usual. A membership form is attached to this newsletter, and we will email a membership form to you. The amounts will be the same as in the past: \$60 for an individual and \$90 for a household. This way we won't have to deal with renewing using the new system until later in 2025.

Don't be late in sending in your renewal check before Nov. 30!

For Your Information! Robin Wisdom



### Resolutions Approved at the LWV Convention 2024

The Resolutions Committee received eight resolutions proposals, one of which was withdrawn. Of the seven presented at the Resolutions Committee Meeting, the Committee unanimously recommended to move forward all seven proposals.

#### **Recommended proposals:**

- 1. **LWV District of Columbia submitted a resolution, titled "Supporting Statehood for the People of D.C."** The recommended resolution statement reads, "Therefore, be it resolved that the League of Women Voters of the United States strongly supports legislation that will establish statehood for the people of the District of Columbia."
- 2. LWV Missouri submitted a resolution, titled "Reproductive Rights." The recommended resolution statement reads, "Therefore, be it resolved that the League of Women Voters reaffirms its commitment to fight for reproductive rights and justice, including bodily autonomy, privacy, reproductive health, and access to contraception and abortion, and against disinformation on this issue."
- 3. **LWV Maryland submitted a resolution, titled "Electronic Voting."** The recommended resolution statement reads, "Therefore, be it resolved that the League should reaffirm its support of voting systems that are secure, accurate, recountable, accessible, and transparent, and that internet voting the return of a completed ballot electronically should not be allowed until it is shown to not only improve accessibility, but also is secure, accurate, recountable, and transparent."
- 4. **LWV Louisiana submitted a resolution, titled "Public Libraries."** The recommended resolution statement reads, "Therefore, be it resolved that public libraries are essential institutions for strong, viable, and sustainable democracies and that access to materials, resources, and programming provided by public libraries is a civil right, access to which should be distributed equitably in our communities."
- 5. LWV New Mexico, LWV Pasadena, LWV San Diego, LWV Houston, LWV San Juan Islands, and LWV Greater Princeton co-submitted a resolution, titled "Immigration." The recommended resolution statement reads, "Therefore, be it resolved that LWVUS reaffirm its long-standing position calling for fair and humane immigration reform, including safe, orderly, and legal pathways to admission to the United States that promote reunification of immediate families; meet the economic, business, employment, and educational/training needs of the United States; and are responsive to those facing human rights abuses or humanitarian crises; and that LWVUS reaffirm the 2008 position calling for due process for all persons, including the right to a fair and timely hearing, right to counsel, right of appeal, and right to humane treatment."
- 6. **LWV Chicago submitted a resolution, titled "The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)."** The recommended resolution statement reads, "Therefore, be it resolved that the LWVUS commits continuing support for the CEDAW framework at the local, state, and national levels to protect and promote the fundamental and inalienable human rights of women and girls."

#### Resolutions Continued

- 7. **LWV Oregon and LWV West Virginia co-submitted a resolution, titled "Ethics in Government."** The recommended resolution statement reads, "Therefore, be it resolved that the League of Women Voters recognizes the importance of ethics in government policies that:
- Apply broadly to elected and appointed officials, employees, and lobbyists at all levels of government (federal, state, local) and for all branches (executive, legislative, judicial);
- Prohibit conflicts of interest, use of position for personal gain, corruption, nepotism, and favoritism;

- Foster transparency through financial disclosure by all elected and appointed officials;
- Support effective enforcement mechanisms; and
- Encourage ethical conduct through transparency."

# RESOLUTION on ETHICS IN GOVERNMENT In Detail

# Submitted by LWV of Oregon & LWV of West Virginia For Consideration at the LWV Convention 2024

Whereas, The positions of the League of Women Voters of the United States are to promote an open governmental system that is representative, accountable, and responsive;

LWVUS Positions on Representative Government, LWV Impact on Issues 2022-2024: A Guide to Public Policy Positions of the League of Women Voters, p. 17.

Whereas, The LWVUS "Money in Politics" position is an essential element to promote open governmental systems, as follows: Support campaign finance/MIP regulations that enhance political equality for all citizens, ensure transparency, protect representative democracy from distortion by undisclosed contributions and big money, combat corruption and undue influence in government, support campaign spending that is restricted but not banned,

support public financing, support full disclosure, abolish super PACs, and create an effective enforcement agency;

LWVUS Position on Money In Politics, *LWV Impact* on *Issues 2022-2024: A Guide to Public Policy* Positions of the League of Women Voters, p. 42. [emphasis added]

Whereas, the LWVUS position on Congress supports congressional ethics by asking that it "hold its own leaders, committees, and members responsible for their actions and decisions;"

LWVUS Position on Congress, *LWV Impact on Issues 2022-2024: A Guide to Public Policy*Positions of the League of Women Voters, p. 63.

 Apply broadly to elected and appointed officials, employees, and lobbyists at all levels of government (Federal, state, local) and for all branches (executive, legislative, judicial);



# Continued from Resolution on Ethics in Government in Detail

- Prohibit conflicts of interest, use of position for personal gain, corruption, nepotism, and favoritism;
- Foster transparency through financial disclosure by all elected and appointed officials;
- Support effective enforcement mechanisms; and
- Encourage ethical conduct through transparency.

**Whereas**, Public support for all branches of government at all levels is dwindling and represents a threat to democracy itself; now,

**Therefore, be it Resolved**, That the League of Women Voters recognizes the importance of ethics in government policies that:

- Apply broadly to elected and appointed officials, employees, and lobbyists at all levels of government (Federal, state, local) and for all branches (executive, legislative, judicial);
- Prohibit conflicts of interest, use of position for personal gain, corruption, nepotism, and favoritism;
- Foster transparency through financial disclosure by all elected and appointed officials;
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## **Membership Drive Begins Soon**

The **LWVUV 2025-2026** membership drive will begin in October and end November 30, 2024. Please look for Membership Renewal forms coming your way in mid-September.

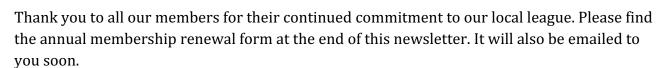
During our 2024-2025 membership drive we gained new members: Christine Hill, Anne Kubisch and Edith Carter. Joy and Terry Garrelts joined in July 2024. Welcome everyone!

Your dues help make good things happen at the national, state, and local levels. The cost of dues has remained the same for several years. We strive to make it affordable for all.

Feel free to recruit friends, neighbors and family members to join our local LWVUV organization. Members join for a variety of reasons, but most importantly to be involved in an organization dedicated to getting out the vote, educating voters and spending time with like-minded folks.

Remember, we are a 501c3, so your membership dues and donations directly to our league ARE **TAX-DEDUCTIBLE**.

You can keep up-to-date on LWVUV happenings by visiting our ad-free website, **lwvuv.org**, and the state and national LWV websites, **lwvor.org** and **lwv.org**, respectively.



By Sherry Couron, Treasurer



Discrimination or harassment of any kind will not be accepted within the League, including but not limited to race, socio-economic status, age, ability status, religion, sexual orientation, national origin, gender identity, or marital status. The League is committed to fostering, cultivating, and preserving a culture of diversity, equity, inclusion, access, and belonging for all people. The League is an organization that respects and values the richness of our community and our members. The collective sum of our individual differences and life experiences represents not only our culture, but our reputation and the organization's mission and achievements as well.



#### **LWVUS Convention**

LWVUS Convention was held in Washington D.C. on June 27-30, 2024. Here's a good recap of events, thanks to the LWV of Ilinois:

#### Members voted on adoption of changes to Positions and Program.

- Adopted (by overwhelming margin):
- To retain all current LWVUS Positions in the areas of Representative Government, International Relations, Natural Resources, and Social Policy
- To re-adopt the campaign for Making Democracy Work® (MDW)
- To adopt a concurrence with the LWV of Washington's position on Decline of Local News and Its Impact on Democracy
- To approve an LWVUS study on the federal judiciary. (A separate motion of limiting the study to SCOTUS failed.)
- Failed Motions:
- Proposal to conduct a study of our Money Systems
- To add a priority to the LWVUS program for the environment and climate change
- To adopt the concurrence with the LWV Vermont position on privatization
- To adopt concurrence with the LWV of Greater Pittsburgh position on Gun Safety
- To reaffirm League commitment to fight for reproductive rights and justice (withdrawn because of a reproductive rights resolution that passed instead)

#### To read more about the convention, here's a good link.

https://www.lwvil.org/news/2024-lwvus-convention-recap

# Check Your Voter Registration! <u>Vote411</u> or the <u>Secretary of State's office</u>.



# Join Us! Participate in democracy and be informed! We welcome new friends!



## Yes! I want to join the League! □ as a renewing member □ as a new member

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