

# ARGUS

League of Women Voters Lane County

## Presidents Column NEW MEMBERS AND MORE Co-Presidents Sue Boyd & Susan Tavakolian

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### Third Thursday Information

- April 19th
- Buffet 11:30  
Program 12:15
- Hilton Garden Inn,  
3528 Gateway,  
Springfield
- The \$13 cost for lunch includes beverage, dessert and tip.
- Beverage only with refills - \$2.50.
- For reservations, call the League office, 541-343-7917, or e-mail [league@lwvlc.org](mailto:league@lwvlc.org) for reservations.
- Reservations are important.

Invitations are, or soon will be, in the mail for our annual spring event to welcome new members. It will be Saturday, April 14 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 at the home of Sally Weston. We're looking forward to seeing our wonderful new members, and we hope that many of our continuing members will join us as well. For more information, call Flo Alvergue or the League office.

Members who have joined or rejoined since the fall of 2010 are Miriam Aiken, Jacque Branford, Cleo Burtner, Karen and David Johnson, Mary Keating, Patricia Lesh, Helen Matthews, Loretta Morgan, Sandi and Paul Patison, Helen Posey,

Janell Sorenson, Dan Egan, and Roz Stein.

This seems like the appropriate moment to acknowledge Jeanne Armstrong for her work in writing the new member profiles for the Argus. They are a friendly introduction to the League and we hope, a welcoming handshake. We also appreciate the efforts of Dorothy Cruickshank in setting up a mentor program, matching new members with experienced ones.

Attracting and keeping new members is a challenge for many organizations, including, of course, the League. Last summer, LWVUS contacted our state League to offer a regional training program in mem-

bership recruitment and retention for local Leagues. Our own Janet Calvert was the first to volunteer to serve as a state coach. She has been joined by Debbie Kaye from the Portland League.

They will attend an LWVUS funded training session in Houston, Texas, later this month. Other states participating include Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, and Washington.

Janet reports the expectation is that she and Debbie will hold workshops for local Leagues in August and September. She added that she

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## Third Thursday by Nancie Fadeley

For a number of years, members of Zonta have been studying about sex trafficking and educating others about this horrible crime against women and girls. That's why we have asked them to share what they have learned with us.



**How Zonta Fights Human Trafficking Locally, Nationally and Around the Globe**

Our speaker will be **Zonta Club President Denise Wilkinson.** She will tell us about her club's work on human trafficking.

**APRIL UNITS - OREGON'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION**  
**Units Chair-Anne Meh1**

**Monday, April 9**  
**10 am** - S. Willamette #1  
 90 Westbrook Way (block  
 beyond 46th)  
 H: Barbara Greenley  
 684-9127  
 C: Anne Best 343-5124

**2 pm**  
 Harlow Road #2  
 394 Cherry Drive  
 H: Barbara French  
 485-9090  
 C: Kay Huston 607-8962

**Unit Briefing**  
 Tuesday April 3,  
 Atrium  
 Sloat room  
 3 pm

**Tuesday, April 10**  
**9:30 am**  
 Coburg Road #3  
 2135 Rocky Lane  
 H: Dorothy Cruickshank  
 342-2577  
 C: Punky Smith 844-9277

**4 pm**  
 S.W. Eugene #4  
 2365 W. 23rd Avenue  
 H: Pat McDaniels  
 343-4728  
 C: Sally Weston 484-4404

**On-Line Unit # 6**  
 Charlcie Kaylor -  
[charlcie@efn.org](mailto:charlcie@efn.org)

**Wednesday, April 11**  
**10 am** East Eugene #5  
 555 E. 15th  
 Central Presbyterian  
 H: Stephanie Winsor  
 342- 8243  
 C: Diana Grandberry  
 342-8402

**Noon**  
 Cottage Grove/Creswell #8  
 Creswell Library  
 H: Gayle Downing 942-1858  
 C: Dian Missar 942-7676

**Friday, April 13**  
**9:30 am** - Cascade Manor/  
 Cascade View Room #9  
 65 W 30th Avenue  
 C: Lorraine Abbott 434- 4107  
 Frank Carlton 434-4140

**2012 OREGON LEGISLATURE**



The 35 days that made up the first annual session of the Oregon Legislature since voters amended the state Constitution in 2010 will be the topic of our April units. **Kappy Eaton** has written a report on the session looking at some of the major results in four policy areas: *Fiscal, Governance, Natural Resources*, and Social Services. It takes the place of her usual Legislative Action Report.

Kappy, a member of the League for more than 50 years, has literally decades of experience as a lobbyist and observer at the Legislature. As a member of the state League Action Coordinating Committee, she followed Governance issues.

*Sue Boyd*

LEAGUE NEEDS YOU to attend our **Annual Meeting**  
 Saturday, April 21 from 9 a.m. to noon.  
 Proposals for an update of our existing Lane County Government position  
 and a dues increase are on the agenda.

Your vote is important.

The workbook is in the mail. If you do not receive one, please call the League office at 541-343-7917. *Also, please RSVP by April 18.*

## VOTERS SERVICE FLO ALVERGUE & MIRIAM AIKEN, CO-CHAIRS

The Voter Service calendar is filling up fast! A debate between South Region Commissioner candidates was co-sponsored by the League with Eugene City Club on March 23. Miriam Aiken, new voter service co-chair, and I vetted questions from the audience.

There will be a debate between the candidates for the North Region seat on Thursday, April 12th, at Trinity United Methodist Church on Maxwell Road at 7 pm.

April 25th is the date chosen by the Springfield Chamber of Commerce for candidates for Springfield

mayor and city council seats.

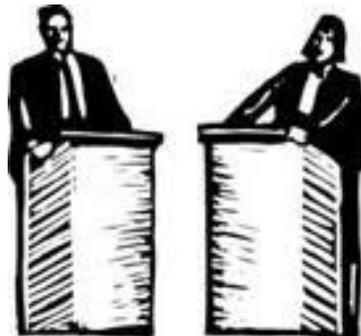
On April 26th candidates for the County Commission and state offices will have a forum. Both of these events will be at the Springfield City Hall.

If you're interested in helping the League with any of these events, or other activities related to this election season, please attend a Voter Service committee meeting April 17th at the office at 2 pm. *Alison Krause* of the Wayne Morse Ranch Board will share some information about our co-sponsoring a candidate

forum in the late summer at the Ranch combined with an ice cream social. We hope to have copies of the LWVOR Voters Guides to distribute as well.

Remember the registration deadline for voting in the primary is April 24<sup>th</sup>. The League has been asked to help with a registration drive at a Head Start parents' meeting on April 19th. In the past we have registered new voters at Project Homeless Connect and at a women's roller derby event.

*Flo Alvergue*



## LWVOR STATE COUNCIL BY FLO ALVERGUE, LWVOR EVENTS CHAIR

Mark your calendars for May 11-12 at the Phoenix Inn in Eugene. Lane County is the Host League so we're looking for volunteers to help with this event. Council is held in rotation with Convention, which was held in Kaiser in 2011.

On Thursday for those members who arrive early, such as the LWVOR Board, there will be a dine-

around at several Eugene restaurants. There will be workshops and entertainment over the two days. Business sessions will begin at 2 PM on Friday and continue until noon on Saturday, May 12. Help is needed at the registration table (2 hour shifts), collecting materials and filling member packets, pages at business sessions, gathering items representing Lane County

for a silent auction bag, and providing flower centerpieces. Planning meetings began March 26th.

If you can volunteer for any of these areas, please contact me or leave a message at the office. Do plan to attend the event. See the Voter for more information about Council registration.

### LWV of Lane County Board & Off Board Roster 2011-12

Co-Presidents  
**SUE BOYD &  
SUSAN TAVAKOLIAN**

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Units  
**ANNE MEHL**

Voters Service  
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MIRIAM AIKEN**

## **ACTION – Kappy Eaton & Pat Hocken, Co-chairs**

### **State of the State**

*Kappy's report on the 2012 Legislative session serves as the topic for April's Unit discussion.*

### **Local Action Update**

#### **Envision Eugene**

As expected the City Manager of Eugene has made a recommendation to the City Council for the next round of decisions in the long-term growth planning process known as Envision Eugene. His recommendation will be the focus of several community forums in March and April, a public hearing before the Council on May 14, and a Council work session on May 16.

Under consideration is the amount and type of land necessary to meet the expected growth in population (34,000) and jobs (35,800) in the City over the next 20 years. According to the City Manager most of this need can be met with land already within the City's Urban Growth Boundary (UGB), but additional acreage will be required as well, approximately a 3% expansion. His recommendation builds on the seven "pillars" or principles of the draft proposal announced in March 2011, which are to promote economic opportunities, affordable housing, energy resiliency, compact urban development, efficient transportation, neighborhood livability, and protection of natural resources.

Details of the City Manager's recommendation

include a) No UGB expansion is necessary for commercial development or for multi-family homes. b) An expansion of approximately 475 acres is needed to accommodate 12 additional industrial job sites. After studying several areas, the area near the airport north of Clear Lane Road was identified for this expansion. c) The need for land for single family homes will be addressed by redesignating 236 acres of multi-family housing land to single-family land and by expanding the UGB by approximately 350 acres. The two expansion areas identified in the recommendation are near the airport south of Clear Lake Road, and southwest of Eugene near the intersection of Bailey Hill and Gimpl Hill Roads. d) Other proposed UGB expansions are 242 acres for community parks for Bethel and Santa Clara neighborhoods and 80 acres for additional land for schools in the Bethel District.

Four community forums will be held in April to allow citizens to learn more about the City Manager's recommendations. They will be from 6-8 p.m. at the following locations: April 3, Churchill High School; April 5, Studio at the Hult Center; April 10, Sheldon Community Center; and April 12, South Eugene High School. Information is also available on the internet at [www.EnvisionEugene.org](http://www.EnvisionEugene.org).

The League's Action Committee will discuss the City Manager's recommendation at our meeting on April 4 at 9:30 a.m. The Committee will be

developing the League's testimony for the May 14 public hearing and submitting it to the League Board for approval. Any member is welcome to attend Action Committee meetings. Please let me or Kappy know if you are interested.

### **Drinking Water in Lane County**

The League testified on March 13 before a joint meeting of the Lane County Commissioners, the Eugene City Council, and the Springfield City Council to express our opposition to a proposed county ordinance that would give the County Commissioners sole authority over land use decisions in the areas outside the city limits of Eugene and Springfield but within their urban growth boundaries. Currently, these lands are under the joint control of the respective cities and the county.

The proposed shift in authority would mean that the county, which has no drinking water protection plan, would be in sole charge of the lands that contain almost 80% of the water resources for the Springfield Utility Board (SUB). The City of Springfield does have a water protection plan.

Our testimony stated: "The quality of drinking water for both Eugene and Springfield is at risk under this proposal. At this time there are no county protective regulations regarding water quality nor the resources to provide them. The League believes that the interdependence of land use planning and wa-

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**Next Action  
committee  
meeting on  
Wednesday,  
April 4**

**at 9:30 a.m. at  
Kappy Eaton's,  
175 S Garden Way  
All members are  
welcome.**

## UPDATED WEB SITE—GOAL FOR FALL BY JANET CALVERT

Web sites are the way many of us, and certainly the younger set, find recipes, like-minded organizations, health tips and voting information and much, much more. Web sites need to be accurate, updated constantly, fun and easy to find the desired information and not frustrating. Good web sites are often hard to find. The committee observed that many organizations' home pages were too busy with too many words.

A web update committee (aka, Spider Webs) has identified some key features for an updated LWVLC web site. We met with Liz Cawood of CAWOOD and their web designer, Dana Terell to discuss what we wanted and the decisions we needed to make. The web designer can then start arranging League's vast amount of information and activities in an attractive and accessible format. Deciding what is most important and how to make it easy to find is the big challenge.

Money from the LWVLC **Genevieve Turnipseed Fund** established with memorial contributions to honor League members, will cover the cost of the web redesign.

If you have user-experience, ideas, or skills about web sites, you are welcome to join the committee. Committee members include Charlcie Kaylor, Pat Hocken, Becky Gladstone, Kathy Madison, Phyllis Loobey, Sue Boyd, Susan Tavakolian and Janet Calvert, chair.



**Genevieve Turnipseed**

### Action - continued

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ter planning must be recognized and required at all levels of government."

### Lane County Health and Human Services

The Action committee met on March 7 with Alicia Hays, the director of the Lane County Department

of Health and Human Services. Alicia briefed us on the reorganization of the Department to reduce costs and improve service delivery. She described the spending cuts the Department is proposing in order to comply with the County Administrator's budget plan for the 2012-13 fiscal year which would

reduce expenditures across the board in all departments by 25%. The Lane County Budget Committee will meet in May to review the proposed budget and make a recommendation to the County Commissioners for their adoption in June.

**Pat Hocken**

## JOAN MAZO

Long time Lane County League member Joan Mazo and her husband Bob have *recently moved to Philadelphia, PA* to be closer to their children, Ruth & Dan, and their respective families. Originally from Philadelphia, they had kept in touch by visiting frequently during their many years of living in Eugene.

Joan first went onto the Lane County League board in 1966 and served for many years as the Treasurer. She was frequently the “go-to” person when it came to money



matters or understanding complex fiscal situations. Since Joan didn't really enjoy asking for money, she compensated by playing a major role during the League's “garage sale” years in the 70s. She was also active with the Mt. Pisgah Arboretum and served on their

board for many years. After Bob's retirement from the University of Oregon, where he was a professor of chemistry, Joan and Bob traveled extensively, visiting over 30 countries and probably going ‘round the world’ at least twice!

### Presidents' Column Continued

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is looking forward to getting some new ideas.

#### What about those privatization units?

The question came up after Third Thursday last month: Would the results of our privatization discussions be in the April Argus? After all, we spent two months on the topic and had about two pages of consensus questions to get through at units.

The answer, of course, is a resounding NO.

There is nothing squishy or unclear about the LWVUS stance: “A local League's views during a regional, state or national study do not constitute a final League position and should not be publicized, either to members or to the public. In this case, each local board's respon-

sibility is to report its members' areas of agreement and its level of member participation to the regional, state or national board. In turn, the appropriate board analyzes the member agreement reports from local Leagues, develops a position statement that reflects member thinking and announces the position to members and the public. That position is then available immediately to be used as the basis for action.” (League Basics 2007)

The prohibition on releasing the results of local consensus units on a state or national topic is one element in the League's firm belief in “speaking with one voice,” considered one of our most important tenets.

The national League is responsible for determin-

ing strategies and action policies that ensure that the League's message on national issues is consistent throughout the country. Similarly, state Leagues are responsible for a consistent state message.

“One voice” is reflected at the local level by the rule that only the president or a designee is allowed to speak for the League in an official capacity. Members, however, are encouraged to take action as individuals, that is, not mentioning their affiliation with the League.

*Sue Boyd*

## REMEMBER OUR USED BOOK FUND RAISER

This is just a reminder about our ongoing fund raiser. Members are asked to donate their used books which are sold to raise money for our League. A lot of them are sold to local book stores, and some special ones are sold on eBay. This past month books were sold to people as far away as Japan. The total amount

raised this month was \$81.00. This brings our total since July 1, 2011 to \$1,572.60.

Thank you to those of you who have donated your books. Remember that they can be left in the blue box at the office, or you can give us a call to have them picked up at your home.

Thank you,  
Elleen and Louie Levy  
541-343-7592



### IN MEMORIAM

We were very sorry to learn of the deaths of the our members

**Alice Dugan,  
Dick Hayward,  
Ann Krinsley and  
Herta Tschersich.**

We will miss them and their unique contributions to the League.

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As a member of the League, you will receive the monthly newsletter from LWVLC (Argus), which has information about our monthly and unit meetings, and the quarterly newsletter from the Oregon League (Voter).

Mail the form and check payable to LWVLC to:  
LWVLC  
338 West 11<sup>th</sup> Ave, Suite  
101 Eugene, OR 97401

### League of Women Voters Lane County

#### Membership Form

- Individual \$63
- Household (Two people at the same address) \$94.50
- Student \$20
- Individual after February 1st \$32

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## CALENDAR

### APRIL

- 3, Unit Briefing – 3 pm (page 2)
- 4, Action Committee – 9:30 am (4)
- 9–13, Units – (2)
- 12, County Commissioner debate (3)
- 14, New Member Welcome – 2 pm (1)
- 17, Voter Service Committee – 2 pm
- 18, Board meeting, 1:30 to 3:30 pm
- 19, Third Thursday (1)
- 20, Deadline for ARGUS
- 21, LWVLC Annual Meeting – 9am to noon (2)
- 24, Voter registration deadline for primary
- 25, Springfield debates (3)
- 26, Various debates in Springfield (3)
- 27, Ballots mailed

#### ***Our Mission***

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

The League office is open  
Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 am to 1:30 pm.