



Presidents' Column – Sue Boyd & Susan Tavakolian, Co-Presidents

### COASTAL OREGON STUDY

We have the first of two consensus units on Oregon coastal management in November, concluding in December. The Pew Charitable Trust helped support publication of the League's study "Coastal and Nearshore Oregon: Using and Protecting Our Natural Resources", and the Trust has established the "Ocean" project as part of the Pew Environment Group. The director of the Ocean project, Susan Allen, has generously agreed to provide resource persons for our unit briefing on November 6.

The group's mission statement states that "The Pew

Environment Group works to protect ocean life through conserving marine species and ecosystems. We focus on promoting sustainable fisheries, safeguarding sensitive marine habitats, and protecting vulnerable marine biodiversity." ([www.pewtrusts.org](http://www.pewtrusts.org)) Around the world coastlines are under increasing pressure from population growth and development. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Oregon has a tidal shoreline of 1410 miles, and approximately 42 percent of the total Oregon population lives along that shoreline. The high concentration of the population along the coast

puts great pressure on the coastal environment. Within the whole country, the total United States coastline is over 94,000 miles, including the Great Lakes and tidal areas (NOAA as cited on Wikipedia), and over 50 percent of the U.S. population lives within 50 miles of the coast (NOAA). Protection of the country's coastline is a huge challenge and is vital to the continued well-being of our people and the marine animals and plants that depend on coastal habitats for their existence.

Protecting the coast is a complicated endeavor, as we

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#### November 15

Lane County Fairgrounds

11:30 Buffet \$15  
Beverage \$3  
Tip not included.

12:15 Free program

Reservations very, very important.  
(541-343-7917) or [League@lwvlc.org](mailto:League@lwvlc.org)

### Third Thursday by Nancie Fadeley

*There's been much in the news—and much concern--about the growing income gap between the one percent of Americans who are very, very rich and the 99 per cent who are not. Our next Third Thursday will focus on income inequality in our own state.*

#### Income Inequality in Oregon

Our speaker will be

**Charles Sheketoff,**  
Executive Director of  
Oregon Center for Public Policy



He will report on his Center's research relating to the surge in inequality even as our state's economy has begun to expand.

## UNITS – COASTAL MANAGEMENT Anne Mehl, Chair

### Unit Briefing

Tuesday,  
November 6  
Atrium  
Sloat room  
10th & Olive  
Eugene  
3:00 pm

### Monday, November 12

**10 am - South 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 484-9090  
C: Mary Keating 344-4889

### Tuesday, November 13

**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. 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
H: Pat McDaniels 343-4728  
C: Sally Weston 484-4404

### Wednesday, November 14,

**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

LCC Cottage Grove  
H: Gayle Downing 942-1858  
C: Dian Missar 942-7676

### Friday, November 16

**9:30 am - Cascade Manor #9**  
Cascade View Room, 65 W. 30th Ave.  
C: Lorraine Abbott 434-4107  
Frank Carlton 434-4140

Anne Mehl - Units Chair-541-302-2806



A copy of the coastal management study, titled **"Coastal and Nearshore Oregon: Using and Protecting Our Natural Resource"** was sent from the state League to all League members. Bring it to our November and December unit meetings, when we will be studying this topic and responding to consensus questions (enclosed).

You can download the material at  
<http://voteoregon.org/lwvimages/CoastalNearshore20121-optimized.pdf>

### Presidents' Column

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know from the effects of the Japanese tsunami that is bringing debris and invasive species to the Oregon coast. Managing the coast is a multifaceted task: ensuring that invasive species do not drive out indigenous plants and animals, harvesting the power of the waves for renewable en-

ergy, protecting marine areas from pollution and destruction of their habitats, providing public access to the coast and balancing public use of the coastal regions with the need to preserve marine habitats.

Management of the coast requires a regional approach because decisions

made by entities outside Oregon will influence the problems that affect the Oregon coast. The West Coast Governors Agreement (WCGA) on Ocean Health was created to address the common issues facing Washington, Oregon, and California, by combining resources, information and political influence to protect coastal

areas.

All interested persons are invited to attend the unit briefing on November 6, 3:00 p.m., at the Atrium. (See above.) This briefing will be a great opportunity to discuss these complex issues face-to-face with experts in the field before units the following week.

**Susan Tavakolian**

## VOTER SERVICE – Flo Avergue & Miriam Aiken, Co-Chairs

With nine measures on the state ballot and a host of local measures, several members have been busy giving presentations to Eugene/Springfield organizations. Thanks to Kappy Eaton, Carol Hildebrand, Pat Hocken, and Barbara Carter for sharing the pros and cons of the various measures as stated in the LWVOR voters' guides to groups. I found very receptive audiences at Willamalane Senior Activity Center, Terpening Terrace, First United Methodist Church, and Church Women United. We appreciated having Kappy lead the speakers' training at Briefing in October.

Speaking of **voters' guides**, there are a number of copies available in the office hall for local distribution. There are standard, Easy Read and Spanish versions. Please pick up a bundle and take them to your organizations such as

book clubs, bridge groups, dinner parties, and churches. Ballots were in mailboxes Oct. 19 - 23, and must be mailed or dropped in election-designated boxes by 8 pm on Nov. 6th.

The Cottage Grove Chamber of Commerce asked LWVLC to co-sponsor a candidates' forum which took place on the evening of Oct. 10th. There are 3 mayoral candidates and 8 candidates for 3 city council positions. Thanks to the Cottage Grove unit for serving as greeters and vetters of questions submitted by the audience: Fran Boehner, Gayle Downing, Cecilia Heykamp, and Dian Missar. I moderated, and the event was broadcast by radio station KNND. The forum was well attended, and provided a close look into Cottage Grove politics.

On National Voter Registration Day in late September, Stephanie Winsor and I registered a number of stu-

dents to vote at South Eugene High School. We were invited by a government teacher, and the response of student and faculty was very good.

**Voter Service needs researchers and proofers** to help the League's preparation of TRY - "They Represent You" - early this winter after the results of the November election are verified. Please consider giving a few hours to this service as the publication is most welcomed by interested citizens and organizations.

The next **Naturalization Ceremony** will be Friday, Nov. 9th, at 10:30 at the Federal Courthouse in Eugene. Call the office if you're interested in attending to represent the League. We register new voters, hand out materials, and help serve refreshments to the new citizens. It's a happy event!

### *Flo Avergue*

Photos by  
Gayle Downing

3rd Thursday Speaker Barry Fadem and Kappy Eaton



Cottage Grove Council Candidates at LWVLC Forum



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# ACTION – Kappy Eaton & Pat Hocken, Co-Chairs

## STATE OF THE STATE

### 2012 Ballot Decisions Recommended by LWVOR

Based on League research and approved member positions decisions, the following are the recommendations for action on state ballot measures:

- 77 and 78 - Yes**  
(Catastrophic Disaster Process and Constitution update)
- 79 - No**  
(Real estate transfer tax)
- 84 - No**  
(Inheritance tax phase-out)
- 85 - Yes**  
(Corporate kicker to public schools)

### Local Ballot Decision Recommendations from the Lane County League Board:

- Eugene:**
- 20-197 - Yes** (Roads)
  - 20-198 - Yes** (Advisory on Citizens United Resolution)
  - 20-209 - Yes** (Bonds for Bethel School District)

- Springfield:**
- 20-195 - Yes** (Levy for jail operation/police)
  - 20-199 - Yes** (bonds for parks/water quality)

- Lane County:**
- 20-200, 20-201, & 20-202 - Yes**  
(Charter Housekeeping amendments)
  - South Lane:
  - 20-205 - Yes** (EMS and fire services)

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ACTION  
COMMITTEE  
November 7,  
9:30 am  
175 S. Garden Way

### University Governance:

The fate of institutional boards for Oregon’s seven public universities has been handed over to the Governor and the 2013 Oregon Legislature. The Special Committee on University Governance passed LC 759, the statute draft for changing some of the governance policies and practices of the State System of Higher Education (OUS). The 10 member Committee held 10 meetings, receiving testimony from institution presidents, faculty, staff, students, the OUS and citizens. The proposal was heard by the Oregon House Higher Education Committee and the Senate Committee on Work Force and Higher Education, as well

as the state’s new Chief Education Officer.

Included in the statute are the following:

- (1) the University of Oregon and Portland State University may immediately proceed to form independent institutional boards;
- (2) a process is laid out for the other state institutions to apply for boards if desired;
- (3) Board membership can range from 11-15, with four year staggered terms;
- (4) Individual schools can set tuition, with state advice and consent;
- (5) boards can buy property and use state bonds with

state approval;

- (6) boards have hiring and firing of presidents authority, but must have approval of the latter; and
- (7) all board members will be appointed by the Governor (one of whom must be a member of the State Board (or the entity which replaces that Board)

Not included in the proposal:

- (1) constituencies to sit on the boards/numbers (students, faculty, staff, etc.); and
- (2) whether the Senate will have approval of the proposed board members. These and other Issues expected to be

seriously discussed during the session include enlarging the board membership to range from 9-15, giving the power over bonding and land acquisition to the board, recommending specific board positions (i.e. business, community, legal), tuition setting, coordination and cooperation among the institutions (which is specified in LC759), OUS higher education budget requests, and others.

The first step has been taken in the process. It remains to be seen how LC759 will evolve during the session. Stay tuned.

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## LOCAL ACTION – Pat Hocken

### Eugene City Hall

The Eugene City Council has scheduled several work sessions to consider the options for replacing or upgrading Eugene City Hall. The building has been va-

cated and all City departments have moved to other locations, some permanently such as the police department. Work sessions on the future of City Hall are currently scheduled for

October 22 at 5:30 p.m., November 14 at noon, and November 28 at noon.

Through October, City Council meetings will be held in the Bascom-Tykeson Room at the

Eugene Public Library. In November the meetings will be at Harris Hall in the Lane County Public Service Building. Council meetings are also broadcast on Channel 21 Metrovision.

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### Local Ballot Measures

The League submitted several letters to the editor to area newspapers to express our support for local ballot measures. In a letter published by The Register Guard and the Springfield Times the League endorsed two measures: #20-205 City

of Springfield Five-Year Levy for Springfield Jail and Police Services and #20-199 Willamalane Park and Recreation District Bonds.

LWVLC's letter was published in Cottage Grove Sentinel and the Creswell Chronicle urging a yes vote on #20-205 South Lane

County Fire and Rescue District Five-Year Local Option Tax for Staffing and General Operations.

The League also submitted a letter to The Register Guard and the Eugene Weekly regarding Eugene streets and Bethel schools. The letter supported

#20-197 City of Eugene Bonds to Fix Streets, Fund Bicycle and Pedestrian Improvements and #20-209 Bethel School District #52 Bonds to Repair, Update, Replace Facilities. To date it has not been published.

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### West Eugene EmX

In September the Eugene City Council reaffirmed its support for the West Eugene EmX project in a 7-1 vote. In early October the Lane Transit District Board reaffirmed its support by a 5-1 vote.

The only local approval still needed is action by the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC) to amend the metropolitan transportation plan to authorize the receipt of the federal funds that will be used for the project. The

MPC has scheduled a public hearing on the matter for November 8. Eugene, Springfield, Lane County and Lane Transit District each have two representative on the MPC, and at least one affirmative vote is re-

quired from each jurisdiction to approve a proposal.

The Federal Transit Administration still must issue a Finding of No Significant Impact before the project can go forward.

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### State of the State (cont.)

#### What's Going On In The Legislature

After its planning meetings in May and September, the Interim committees have submitted legislative concept drafts to Legislative Counsel, the agency designated to prepare bill drafts. Committees have until December 5 to request these. They will meet December 10-12 to review drafts, make changes and begin preparing for the January 14 convening of the Assembly. A few days, Jan.15-17, will be taken to organize

committees, set schedules, submit individual member bills not already in progress, and then there will be a recess until February 4. After that, the committees will hold hearings and the House and Senate chambers will meet. The Legislature may stay in session for 165 days.

The December Revenue forecast and economic analysis will be presented November 20. The Governor's Proposed Budget for 2013-15 must be delivered to the Legislature on De-

cember 1. It must be based on the December revenue projection for the upcoming biennium. The Joint Ways and Means Committee will review the Governor's proposal and begin the preparation of the final 2013-15 budget – a long, arduous and often frustrating task. At least, unless the December forecast has a shortfall, the current budget will not have to be rebalanced, except perhaps to reduce some of the severe cuts to social services.

especially during an election year, it's good to think about life in Oregon. We have no hassle with polling places, or having our ability to vote challenged, or harassing or frightening phone calls. We have not been afflicted with corrupt government officials, and even a dead-even party membership in the House did not cause the Legislature to malfunction. All things considered, politically and otherwise, it's a pretty good place to live.

**Reflections:** Sometimes,

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## Century of Action: Oregon Woman Suffrage Program

**What's Suffrage Got to Do with It?** is the official performance about woman suffrage, celebrating Oregon's centennial year of 2012, and part of a yearlong commemoration of the suffrage centennial with educational programs and events organized by Century of Action and other groups throughout the state.

The free event is hosted by the Lane County Historical Society and sponsored by League of Women Voters and The Osher Lifelong

Learning Institute, University of Oregon. It will be presented on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm until 7 pm at the UO Baker Downtown Center, 325 10<sup>th</sup> Ave (corner of 10<sup>th</sup> and High).

Before November 5, 1912, Oregon women could not vote or hold elective office in state or national politics. All that changed on the day women in Oregon won a basic right of citizenship- the right to vote. Since then, the women of Oregon have engaged in a century of action.

**What's Suffrage Got to Do with It?** demonstrates the arguments made for and against suffrage, by both men and women, in a dramatic costumed performance created through research into speeches, letters to the editor, and news articles from 1912. The performance is funded in part by the Oregon Heritage Commission and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department, and the Oregon Commission for Women.

## Open LTD Board Positions – Deadline Extended

*The League received the following about the new deadline for applying to be appointed by the governor to serve on the Lane Transit District Board. In addition to the information sources cited in the announcement, League member Pat Hocken is available for questions.*

Lane Transit District has three board members whose terms are expiring in December. The Governor is looking for interested individuals to serve a four-year term. Two of the positions are in Springfield. One is in southwest Eugene and includes Veneta. The deadline for application has been extended to December 3, 2012 at 5 p.m.

The process begins by completing an interest form and submitting it to the Governor for review. The Governor's staff will review the pool of interested individuals and make a recommendation to the Governor. The Governor will make his selections and the appointees will go through confirmation hearing. The Governor's staff will provide additional information regarding the timing of the review and confirmation process. The contact is Kendall Clawson ([kendall.clawson@state.or.us](mailto:kendall.clawson@state.or.us)) or Kendall's assistant Austin Nelson at 503-378-3123.

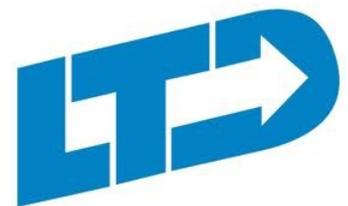
Interested individuals must live within one of the sub-districts (links below). The

following is a link to the Governor's interest form: <http://www.oregon.gov/gov/pdf/form/interestformdown.pdf>

Sub-district 1 - <http://www.ltd.org/pdf/aboutus/2012%20LTD%20boundary-district%201-color%20pic%2011x17.pdf>

Sub-district 2 - <http://www.ltd.org/pdf/aboutus/2012%20LTD%20boundary-district%202-color%20pic%2011x17.pdf>

Sub-district 7 - <http://www.ltd.org/pdf/aboutus/2012%20LTD%20boundary-district%207-color%20pic%2011x17.pdf>



## MEET & GREET EVENT

The LWVLC membership committee was delighted to have at least 10 new members join after the Fall luncheon on Sept. 20th. We want our new members to feel welcomed and become informed as to the many ways to engage with the activities of the League.

A Meet & Greet is planned for Saturday, Nov. 10th, 2 - 4 PM at the Edgewood Townhouses Community room on S. Willamette. This is the venue for Unit 1, the Monday AM unit, and is spacious and accessible. Thanks to **Barbara Greenley** for booking the

space. Invitations will go out to all new members who have joined us in the last few months, and we look forward to getting to know them better!

**by Flo Alvergue**

## HELP WANTED

A new Committee is being formed to take a hard look at the League Position on Lane County Government. Have you ever wondered what Lane County Government is all about? Please plan on joining this Committee. It is your chance to investigate Lane County

and how it is governed and what can be done to change it.

Meetings will start in November-- probably one or two. In January we will be meeting more and preparing for units in April or May.

If you would like to be notified about the first meeting, please contact me, Pat McDaniels, at Phone: 541-343-4728; email: [mcdan@uoregon.edu](mailto:mcdan@uoregon.edu). Also please call or email, if you have any questions.

### IN MEMORIAM

We were saddened to learn of the death of **Laura Alice Northway**, who died October 15 at age 88. Though no longer a member of our League, she had served as local League president and as president of the League of Women Voters of Oregon (1971-73). No information on services was available at time of publication.



## “More Power Than We Knew”



The Oregon League’s history update, the 2nd edition of “More Power Than We Knew” is now available. Order your copy today! The cost is \$12.00 if you want to pick up the book at the State League office or \$16.00 if you would like the book mailed to you.

To place your order, send your check (made out to “LWVOR”) to LWVOR, 1330 12<sup>th</sup> St. SE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97302. Please include your name, mailing address (if the book is being mailed), and the number of copies you would like.

## GETTING TO KNOW...

**Gayle Sawyer** was an eighteen-year-old freshman at Oregon State University when she first became aware of the work of the League of Women Voters. She was impressed with the scope and quality of League activities. As the years went on, and her children started their school careers, Gayle's long-time interest in the League led to her having more time to herself, and she recently joined LWVLC.



Gayle's children are ages 5 and 7 years and attend Edgewood School.

Gayle is a native Oregonian and spent her childhood years in Gold Beach. After a move here, she attended Thurston High School and graduated there.

Gayle got her degree in Health Care Administration at Oregon State University. Following her graduation, she worked as a fund-raiser for the OSU College of Science. For some years she worked for Smith Barney Company. After her two children were born, Gayle took time off from her full-time employment to devote more time to child rearing.

For the past four and a half

years, she has been working part time for Mahalak Financial Services as Financial Planning Assistant.

Gayle enjoys cooking, reading, and photography. She uses a digital camera to take photos of people engaged in outdoor activities and portraits of her children. She is about to upgrade to a better camera!

Gayle is particularly interested in the League's work on ballot measures and plans to participate in unit meetings. She also attends Third Thursday luncheons and has invited a friend to the next one.

**Susan Lax** might be called an eclectic in terms of her various residences throughout her life. She was born in Connecticut but has lived in Massachusetts, New Jersey, Ohio, California, Arizona, and now Oregon. She was attracted to our beautiful state after spending some summer months here.

Susan's family first moved



west when her father, a securities analyst, decided to attend graduate school at the University of California, Berkeley. Susan was still in middle school there when the family moved back to New Jersey, where

she graduated high school.

Susan did undergraduate work in Speech and Hearing Pathology at Emerson College (Boston) and later earned a master's degree in the same field at Boston University. She earned a second master's degree in Clinical Social Work at the University of Cincinnati and has worked for many years in that field. Susan does pro bono social work.

Susan's daughter lives in Boston.

Susan reads avidly and watches for works by her favorite fiction authors. She also loves to travel and lists New Zealand as a favorite destination.

She and her partner travel all over the world doing the tango! They have found an active group of Argentine tango dancers in Eugene.

Susan appreciates the work of LWVLC. Her schedule is full and busy, but she is happy to support the League through her membership. She plans to attend League events when she can.

**Rhonda Livesay** moved to Eugene about eight years ago and, given her self-description as a "political junkie," her becoming a member of LWV was a natural. It is not surprising she is reading Jeffrey Toobin's The Nine, a look inside the Supreme Court.

Rhonda grew up in Kentucky and lived in Atlanta, GA when her parents moved for her father's employment. She was attracted to music and

the arts and briefly attended the Conservatory of Music at the University of Cincinnati.

After, she began a long career in the hospitality industry, working in Atlanta as general manager of three separate properties for Holiday Inn. Rhonda says she has had multiple careers, including as a business partner in an animal hospital, where she put her experience in the hospitality industry to good use. Her partner was a veterinarian. She gained a great deal of knowledge about animals and their medical needs over the 13 years in this practice.

Rhonda and a friend, both in their adventuresome twenties, once spent six months on the road in a one-ton truck and van selling shrimp across the country, in such places as New Mexico, Denver, and Wyoming.

To help satisfy her creative impulses, Rhonda earned an associate degree in graphic design at the Art Institute of Atlanta.

When two of her friends, one a native of Washington State, decided to move "out west," she enthusiastically joined them. After a visit to Eugene and a day at the Saturday Market, she knew this was the place she wanted to be.

Rhonda enjoys the out-of-doors and bicycling to complement her reading.

Welcome Gayle, Susan, and Rhonda!

**by Jeanne Armstrong**

## BOOK SALES GOING STRONG!

Thanks to all of you who have remembered to leave books in the blue box at the office this month. We have also picked up books from those of you who requested it. We are happy to do that. The book sales brought in \$81.00 this month, and that brings our total since July 1 to \$439.90. Keep up the good work!

We can sell both hard cover and paperback books, as long as they are in good shape with no pages missing. If you need for us to pick up your books, or if you have any questions, just give us a call.

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



## FRUIT SALE



You have until November 15th to sell fruit to your friends, relatives, book club members, dentist, anyone you can think about and yourself.

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Mail the form and check payable to LWVLC to:

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Eugene, OR 97401

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CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

- 5, 6 pm, What’s Suffrage Got to do with it? – page 6
- 6, Ballots due!
- 6, 3 pm, Briefing, Atrium, page 2
- 7, 9:30 am, Action Committee – page 4
- 9, 10:30 am – Naturalization Ceremony – page 3
- 10, 2 to 4pm – Meet & Greet New Members – page 8
- 12 – 16, Units – Coastal Management
- 15, Fruit sales deadline
- 15, Third Thursday – page 1
- 23, Argus deadline – midnight
- 28, Board meeting, 1:30 to 3:30

**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.*

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Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
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