

ARGUS

WHAT IS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT?

BY PAT HOCKEN, LWVLC PRESIDENT

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This month our League will be discussing the role of local government in promoting economic development to improve the economic health of the community. But how should we define economic health? What is the nature of the development that should be sought? Are we using the right strategies to achieve the kind of development we want? The responses to these basic questions, though relevant for all communities, may not be the same in different places.

One answer is provided by Jack Roberts, the director of the Lane

Metro Partnership, whose role is to attract new businesses to the local area. He says: "The number of jobs and the pay and benefits that go with them determine the economic health of the community". At a time when so many people are unemployed or underemployed, the need for good jobs must be recognized.

Others would argue that a focus on jobs alone is not a complete picture of what is needed for a healthy local economy. The City Club of Eugene draft report, *Tracking the Public Interest - Local Economic Development*, that

will be used as Everymember material this month describes some other approaches. (Look for it to arrive in a separate mailing.)

One of the references in the report is a quote from a 2010 book by Daphne T. Greenwood and Richard P. F. Holt that draws a distinction between economic development and economic growth. The authors say: "Economic development is much more than economic growth. True economic development is represented by increases in the standard of living that are broadly based

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THIRD THURSDAY BY NANCIE FADELEY



In Third World counties, one of the greatest hazards can be the cooking stove. Many children do not get a chance to grow up because of stove burns that scar their bodies and pollution that damages their lungs. That's why our next Third Thursday will feature a stove project in Cottage Grove that is making a profound difference in the health and safety of millions, perhaps billions of people.

The Aprovecho Research Center Stove Project

Mallard Banquet Hall
March 17

Our speaker will be
Fred Colgan,
Director of the Institutional Stove Project

In December 2010, he installed institutional stoves in a girls' school in Nigeria. Now he is filling an order for more than 200 of these stoves for Darfur.

Third Thursdays happen at
Mallard Banquet Hall,
725 West 1st Avenue, Eugene.
The free program begins
at 12:15 pm

A buffet is spread at 11:45.
The \$12 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 for reservations.
Reservations are a priceless help
to the Mallard staff.



UNITS TOPIC – ROLE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ANNE MEHL, UNIT CHAIR

Monday March 7

10 am

South Willamette #1
 147 Westbrook Way (1 block beyond 46th, then right on Westbrook Way to Edgewood clubhouse on right by pool)
 H: Barbara Greenley, 684-9127
 C: Emily Schue, 344-7597

2 pm

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

Tuesday March 8

9 am

Coburg Road #3
 2135 Rocky Lane
 H: Dorothy Cruickshank, 342-2577
 C: Punky Smith, 844-9277

Wednesday March 9

10 am

East Eugene #5
 555 E. 15th Avenue
 Central Presbyterian
 H: Stephanie Winsor, 342-8243
 C: Diana Grandberry, 342-8402

12 Noon

Cottage Grove/Creswell #8
 (contact Dian for site)
 H: Gayle Downing, 942-1858
 C: Dian Missar, 942-7676

4 pm

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

Friday March 11

9:30 am

Cascade Manor #9 (Cascade View Room)
 65 W. 30th Avenue
 C: Lorraine Abbott, 434-4107
 Frank Carlton, 434-4140

On-Line Unit #6

All week, anytime, anywhere

Charlcie Kaylor – charlcie@efn.org
 Chris Donohue – kimchee569@yahoo.com

Unit Briefing

Tuesday March 1 - 3 pm

at the Atrium (Sloat room)
 10th and Olive

Rick Gates and Pat Skipper of the City Club of Eugene will summarize their report.

All are welcome.

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MARCH UNITS BY JANET CALVERT

Lane County has a history of a struggling economy and for years we've heard about the need for economic development. So what can our city or Lane County do to create "family wage jobs" and improve the economy while maintaining or improving our environment? Should governmental agencies have an active or just a supportive role in encouraging economic development? What is economic development?

A committee of the City Club of

Eugene investigated these and other questions and recently released an impressive DRAFT document, *Tracking The Role of Local Government In Economic Development*. At the conclusion of their study, they made eight recommendations that the City Club will eventually approve or modify. Your copy of the report will arrive as a separate mailing. With approval from City Club, we are using their study for League's Everymember information. It offers a broader view of

economic development than League's November Urban Renewal and Tax Increment Financing informational unit. At the March unit meetings, we will refer to two LWVLC positions on Economic Development as we discuss the City Club's report and recommendations. Many thanks to City Club members Dan Herbert, Rick Gates, president, and Pat Skipper, past president, who researched and wrote the report.

VOTER SERVICES

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New TRY Have Arrived!

The new "They Represent You" brochures have arrived, and now we need help in distributing them around Lane County so that citizens have access to this good information. For those of you new to the League, TRY contains the names, addresses, phone numbers and websites or email addresses for public officials who have been elected or appointed to their offices. We create a new TRY every two years and are just now

making the 2011-12 one available. Please think about groups and organizations that will benefit from copies of the document so that citizens receive them in a timely fashion. There is a distribution list for TRY in the League office to help us keep track of where we have delivered TRY, so please mark down where you have taken them.

We also plan to add the entire new TRY to the LWVLC website so that it will be available to our website users.



Income Tax for Schools

There will be a local income tax measure on the May ballot, proposed to help support Eugene and Bethel schools, and we will need to determine at a later date what role, if any, the League will play with regard to the proposed tax.

Susan Tavakolian

MEMBERSHIP - SUE MILLER-WIELESEK, CHAIR

We're delighted to welcome many new members to the Lane County League. In addition to the new members listed in the December Argus, **Loretta Morgan** has resumed her membership, and we want to welcome **Roz Stein**, as well as **Paul and Sandi Pattison** of Cottage Grove.

One of our new members, **Mary Keating**, has returned to her childhood home of Eugene after a career utilizing her Economics degree as an administrator in the Los Angeles Police Department. She prepared budgets and at one time managed the finances of the auto fleet. Because her mom was a realtor and her dad built



apartment buildings, she has a good grasp of Eugene land use issues.

Her particular interest is women's rights, perhaps because of the time she spent during her career watching police women trying to move up in the police department hierarchy. She

expressed concern about the loss of funding for Planned Parenthood.

INTRODUCING CASEY JANZ BY ROSIE JANZ



After graduating from South Eugene High and U of O, Casey chose to live, work, and raise her two children in Kodiak, Alaska. She has worked for many years as an elementary physical education teacher and embraced the historic Russian culture of the region by teaching Russian dance and performing with a Russian dance group. She has also spent many years as a member of the Kodiak Russian Balalaika Ensemble. She also serves on the Kodiak Island Borough Planning and Zoning Commission. Because Eugene is her home

town, she also has a great deal of interest in what is happening within our county and state. When she is in town for one of her extended family visits, she frequently accompanies Phil and I to Unit and Third Thursday meetings. Last September, at our Membership Luncheon, she decided to join Herta Tschersich and become the second member of our local League residing in Kodiak. I am hopeful we and she will welcome the chance to broaden our base of members by including and increasing members both near and far.

ACTION BY KAPPY EATON

Local Issues:

Income taxes for schools.

The Action committee has begun discussions on the proposal from the Eugene City Council to mitigate the budget shortfalls for both Eugene School District 4J and Bethel School District. The four year tax increase would help keep teachers and class sizes down by raising \$12 million for Eugene and \$4.8 million for Bethel. This is about half of the forecasted deficit for the next year. It will be on the May 17 Primary Election ballot. K-12 funding from the state will be less than the current level for 2010-11, even though the Governor and the Legislature are giving it priority, partly because of the rise in case loads for children, families and seniors, and the continuing stagnant economy. LWVOR has a position in support of both income taxes and school funding. The Lane County League Board will make a decision on support after the Action committee makes a recommendation.

Lane Transit District (LTD)

EmX proposal. It's like now you see it; now you don't with the EmX proposal for W. Eugene. Quite a number of opportunities to view the various proposal have been held during the past few weeks, and three groups have been working diligently on proposals for more than a year. The League testified at the hear-

ing February 8 at the Hilton along with about 100 others, in a much larger crowd. Our testimony, approved by the Action committee, reflected support for the W.11-13th streets alternative. The City Council was to make its decision on the alternative on March 9, with the final LTD agreement coming in April. The level of opposition from W.11th businesses has led to LTD postponing the final decision until some time this summer, and more public input will be sought. Pat Hocken and Eleanor Mulder has been closely following all of the twists and turns and we will keep you informed.

Eugene School District 4J

bond measure. The School Board has decided to scale down its plan to place a \$130 million bond measure on the May ballot. Instead a \$65 - \$70 million measure to deal with facilities will be drafted "very carefully". The Board was mindful of the difficulty of having a property tax measure alongside the income tax measure on the same ballot.

State Issues:

The economy of Oregon is

in recovery, but very slowly. That was the word of the economists February 15 when they addressed the March revenue forecast for the 2011-13 biennium. Cor-

porate income tax revenue is down from the December forecast so the corporate kicker probably will not be there. The forecast was essentially flat, with very slight improvement in personal income tax returns, primarily because of changes to the withholding tables in January. Lottery revenue is down. About \$1.1 billion in additional revenue, over the 2009-11 budget is expected. There is still about \$100 million to be rebalanced for the current biennium, primarily for human services and education. Employment is up slightly, but the housing portion of the economy is still low and will not be a leading factor out of the recession either in Oregon or the U.S.

Almost 2000 bills were filed pre-session and the first two weeks of this legislative session have been very busy for the LWVOR Action Team. We have been testifying just about every day. For more detailed information about bills and advocacy check out the League's Legislative Report on the website which is published every Wednesday. See LWVOR@LWVOR.org.

- **In Natural Resources,** there is a debate about the ban of plastic bags at checkout stand, the threat of a constitutional amendment to overturn the measure passed last

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Next Action

**committee meeting:
To be determined.
Most likely Monday
mornings.**

PROJECT HOMELESS CONNECT BY FLO ALVERGUE

Project Homeless Connect will take place at the Lane County Fairgrounds on March 17. The event is a one-stop shop for services for the needy in our community. LWVLC has participated in previous years by staffing a table where clients may register to vote and receive copies of TRY and other League publications. The event offers medical care, dental care, hot food, clothing, help with housing, aid to veterans, and employment and social security opportunities.

If any League members would like to fill a 2-hour shift (9 - 11, 11 - 1, or 1 - 3) please contact the office or Flo Alvergue. You will find it a rewarding experience.



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November regarding the lottery percentage for parks, clean water and wildlife, and several bills which would limit citizen access to land use appeals. And, of course, the green energy discussion.

- **In Human Services,** health care generally, the Oregon Health Authority, cuts to services and treatment for at-risk kids, the growing number of Oregonians needing medical and mental health support, poverty and housing assistance, the K-12 and higher-ed realignments, and doing more with less is the theme at the hearings.
- **In Governance,** the docket is full of election issues ethics, initiative reform, redistricting, and

even campaign finance reform. There is a bill to repeal the 20 day cutoff for voter registration and return to same day registration. Even though the League has supported same-day, it is not viable to have it in a vote-by-mail system so we will testify in opposition. We have opposed a bill to require new voters to show a birth certificate, passport or naturalization papers for registration since Oregon now requires a signed statement of citizenship, with a huge penalty for falsifying, either a driver's license or id card, or the last four digits of Social Security number. We also supported a measure to continue the citizen initiative review panels under a state commission, funded by contributions.

The League and AAUW will jointly host a Legislative Day on March 30 to be held across the street from the Capitol in the State Library. There will be updates about legislation, hopefully with some legislators, opportunities to meet with your legislator or aide, attend hearings, and also tour the Capitol itself.

Call me if you would like to travel to Salem and attend a hearing – I'm there most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, but also on Mondays and Fridays as hearings require. So far, 1900+ miles on the car since January 3.

Next meeting of the Action committee – Not determined as yet because of legislative scheduling. Most likely on Monday mornings.

To receive LWVOR's legislative reports
by e-mail sign up at -
<http://www.lwvor.org/legislativereports.htm>

WEST EUGENE EMX PROJECT BY PAT HOCKEN

Update

At its January meeting the Board of the League of Women Voters of Lane County voted to support the West Eugene EmX Project. The LWVLC Action committee recommended that the League support the West 13th/ West 11th route alternative. The League presented testimony on February 18 at a joint public hearing of the City of Eugene, Lane Transit District (LTD), and the Metropolitan Policy Committee (MPC). A copy of the testimony is below.

The question before the City, LTD, and MPC is the identification of the route alternatives that will go forward for the environmental assessment process required by the federal govern-

ment, which is expected to provide most of the funding for the project. The No-Build alternative must be one of the alternatives subject to further analysis. According to the planned timeline the City was to make its decision on March 9, followed by actions of the MPC and the LTD board later in March.

At its February meeting the LWVLC Board voted to send a letter of support for the EmX project to the Eugene city councilors and to The Register Guard . The LWVLC Board also voted to encourage members, speaking as individuals, to voice their support to the City Council and in the newspaper mailbag.

However, LTD now intends to postpone its decision about route alternatives until July to allow time for another review of the EmX cost and ridership projections and for the City to complete its long- range growth plan in the Envision Eugene process . The decision dates for the City and MPC are also likely to be postponed from March to a later date. The League will continue to follow the issue. The testimony and letters described in the previous paragraph are still desirable at this time.

If you have any questions about the League's position or the upcoming meetings of the decision makers, please contact Pat Hocken.

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FORWARD THINKING TRANSIT

February 8, 2011

**Eugene City Council
Lane Transit District Board
Metropolitan Policy Committee**

The League of Women Voters of Lane County believes that a transportation system that includes high quality transit such as bus rapid transit (BRT) is essential for the Eugene Springfield Metropolitan area. The League takes positions on issues only after members have researched and discussed them. As part of our research on EmX, about 50 members toured the West Eugene route alternatives and rode the Franklin EmX.

BRT has been a key component of the regional transportation plan since 2001 and has received comprehensive public review during the process of adopting and updating the plan.

The first two segments of the BRT system (the Franklin EmX line and the Pioneer Parkway EmX line) are now in operation and provide a clear illustration of the benefits to transit riders and the community of such an innovative approach. Highlights include:

- high capacity transit service with light rail features at a fraction of the cost of light rail;

- flexibility in design, implementation, and construction timing;
- reduced congestion and improved air quality;
- a fast, frequent, and reliable alternative to the single occupancy vehicle;
- level boarding to provide easier and quicker accessibility for wheelchairs, strollers, and bicycles;
- greater safety with improved lighting and visibility and shorter crossings to median stations.

The League supports the EmX extension from downtown

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Eugene to West Eugene. Lane Transit District (LTD) and its partner agencies have conducted an extensive public outreach program that has engaged hundreds of stakeholders and considered numerous route alternatives. LTD has worked diligently with property owners, business owners, residents, and other interested citizens to identify and mitigate negative impacts of the proposals. It has evaluated numerous route alternatives against eight key objectives of the project. The process has been thorough and open.

Of the proposed alternatives, the League favors West 13th Avenue to West 11th Avenue (#3-MC, Original mitigation concept using frontage alley design option). The projections for this alternative, when compared to the No-Build alterna-

tive, are for a 49% reduction in the estimated 2031 roundtrip transit travel time between downtown and Commerce Street and an 11% reduction in the estimated 2031 round trip travel time for autos.

With the proposed mitigation for this alternative, the total length of lanes with transit priority has been reduced to 71% of the total lane distance. However, this alternative will still dramatically improve ridership and travel times and reduce operating costs. We support this alternative even though it will remove the four free on-street parking spaces on West 11th in front of the League office.

We would like to comment on a City of Eugene initiative that has had the unintended consequence of making it more difficult to fit BRT improvements into the West 11th corridor west of Garfield. In order to provide

better access for pedestrians and transit riders, the City has required some new buildings to be constructed right next to a sidewalk that abuts the curb. The location of these buildings has created barriers to obtaining right of way for EmX. We request that the City review its policy, especially in corridors that may be used for future BRT routes.

In conclusion, the community has a wonderful opportunity in the extension of EmX service to West Eugene to continue to develop the BRT system, which is designed to encourage mixed use development and create better transportation options. These are goals the League of Women Voters of Lane County strongly supports.

Thank you for your consideration.

Pat Hocken, President

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and sustainable. Economic growth may or may not support that goal, depending of the composition and distribution of growth.”

There are echoes of this statement in the City of Eugene’s Sustainable Business Initiative which considers the triple bottom line of environmental stewardship, economic success, and social equity.

Greenwood and Holt also tell us that a university that draws

students (and dollars) from other regions can have the same economic impact as a manufacturing plant that imports raw materials, adds value to them, and ships the products to external markets.

In the context of a potentially broader understanding of economic development, what tools can help communities reach their economic goals? How effective are existing strategies such as urban renewal districts, enterprise zones, development commis-

sions, and business recruitment? As Eugene City Councilor Mike Clark asks “...how can we effectively motivate private local businesses to grow and become stronger; what can we do to support them...”

The League discussed many of these issues when we adopted our position on Sustainable Economic Management in 1998. Please join us at units in taking another look at the components of a healthy local economy and ways to obtain it.

CASCADE MANOR JANUARY UNIT ON GULF OIL SPILL

BY FRANK CARLTON

In the auditorium of Cascade Manor in January, an audience of 38, including at least eight League members, enjoyed an hour long talk by Professor Michelle Wood, PhD on her Gulf Oil Spill experience.

Michelle is the daughter of Cascade Manor Resident Betty Wood. She is on leave from her U of Oregon Biology Department position of 20 years and working as the Director of the Ocean Chemistry Division at the U.S. Department of Commerce's NOAA Atlantic Oceanographic and Meteorological Laboratory in Miami, Florida.

In the immediate week or so after the well exploded, Michelle found herself in a whirlwind of response efforts -- figuring out how to best support organizations in NOAA more directly involved with containing oil near the well-head, helping organize cruises to evaluate reports of subsurface oil, and meeting with local officials and participants in the response from the Coast Guard and NOAA's Office of Response and Restoration, the unit of NOAA most directly responsible for helping contain spills of oil and other hazardous materials in the nation's coastal waters.

Michelle described several re-

search cruises she either ran, or participated in, during the summer, including one search for oil and tar balls off of Florida guided by observers in an aircraft and one in which she dove in the Johnson Sea Link



submarine to make direct observations of the condition of fish habitat.

She described in detail the impact of the gulf currents and the Loop Current that kept the spill from spreading to the Florida Keys and Gulf Stream. Michelle was not involved in the animal rescue or on shore oil spill collection, although she said that NOAA relocated a number of sea turtle hatchlings from oiled beaches on the Gulf Coast to clean beaches in Florida where, hopefully, they will survive and learn to return to their 'new' natal beaches when they are ready to reproduce.

She indicated that oil seepage from the bottom of the Gulf is a natural condition and bacteria do "eat" oil that leaks into the

Gulf. Several oil "tar balls" found in the Florida Keys, and a plume of underwater oil from water off Port Charlotte, FL, were tested and were not from the BP oil spill.

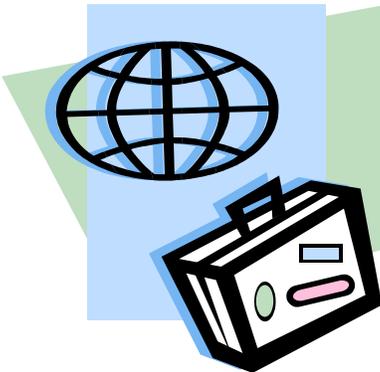
Overall, the discharge of nearly five million gallons of crude oil into the Gulf of Mexico may have a long-range effect on sea life such as shrimp, oysters, turtles and fish. As learned from the Exxon Valdez,

some of the effects may not appear for a decade or more and so the system will require constant monitoring for years. The impact of "clouds" of under surface oil and the possibility that oily material on the bottom may coat some deep coral or other bottom-dwelling organisms will require further study, much of which is still underway by NOAA scientists and their academic and other government partners.

Michelle recommended the Report of the President's Commission on the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, or its executive summary, as an excellent source of information about the spill and what should be done to avoid future spills. <http://www.oilspillcommission.gov/>

ANNOUNCING THE LWVOR 2001 RAFFLE

Every two years the League of Women Voters of Oregon sponsors a raffle to help cover the cost of the state convention. This year the prize is a \$3,000 certificate toward a vacation of the winner's choice. Each raffle ticket is \$10 and only 2,000 are sold.



Tickets will be available to purchase at March briefing and units and at Third Thursday. Local leagues will receive a \$1 per ticket commission if they sell at least as many tickets as the league has members (183 tickets required for the LWVLC.) We encourage all members to buy a ticket and, if you are able, to sell additional tickets to family, neighbors and friends. Please contact the League office by phone or e-mail if you want a block of 10 tickets to sell or if you want a ticket for yourself but can't attend a League event to purchase it.

Pat Hocken



Conferring over ratification of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution at National Woman's Party headquarters, Washington, D.C.

L-R Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, Mrs. Abby Scott Baker, Anita Pollitzer, Alice Paul, Florence Boeckel, Mabel Vernon

PLEASE CORRECT YOUR COPY

The *Urban Renewal and Tax Increment Financing* document, received in November Everymember material, has three errors. Please correct your copy. A corrected copy is on the LWVLC website.

Page 2, Chart 1, Last row, "Veneta" The Maximum Indebtedness column the amount should read **\$13,600,000**.

Page 4, paragraph 2, "Veneta", the last sentence should read: "Expanding the **water supply system** has been a major use of TIF in the UR Area."

We interviewed Lane County Assessor, **Anette** Spickard (next to last page).

Janet Calvert

DORA HARRIS 1927-2010

BY DIANA GRANDBERRY

Although I met Dora in the unit I visited upon joining the League only eight years ago, she became the woman I wanted to have been my mother. Need-

stranger, and wage earner. Her obituary gave us the information on her, such as becoming one of the first phlebotomists at Sacred Heart and training 82

medical technology students. Again another part of her unveiled.

She and I shared much: a son who died, impatience with people who want to talk mainly about insignificant issues, love of travel, a strong work ethic, a sense of honesty, an appreciation of humor,

and our concern for family and children. In unit meetings it was evident she favored all programs to help children and the environment, and to ensure that all people are treated fairly. She scoffed at those who did not want to discuss important issues and yet was respectful of those who wished to remain quiet. She liked discussions and loved learning about the issues we covered from redistricting to homeless teens. She was one of the few people I know who would listen to the City Council and County Commissioner broadcasts.

She died as she lived with great grace surrounded by her chil-

dren, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. She lived only five weeks after her diagnosis for liver cancer. We sent cards and e-mails, which her daughter Jacque read to her every evening. She wanted to live through one more Christmas, and she did. She was ready for the next stage in life and left us with tears and wonderful memories.

She loved her involvement with the League, bequeathing \$1720 to the organization. She worked on many projects with the League until her health prevented all but unit meetings. Our lunch group (Barb Bryant, Barb Carter, Kappy Eaton, Stephanie Win-

son) sat together for her memorial and watched seats fill and more brought in to celebrate this beloved woman. We learned more about her with specifics: her strong active work with the church, her reaching out to strangers, and her family sharing. Oh, she was deeply loved, as deeply as she loved us.



less to say, I have remained a part of that very unit. She represented all that is good in people: considerate, honest, smart, unconditional loving, supportive, nonjudgmental, humble, funny, adventurous, and inquisitive. Her interests had no bounds, her world no limits, and her achievements no heights. Here is a woman wearing her famous hats while acknowledging all around her.

With only her literal sight fading and her ability to walk weakening, for several years I picked her up and drove her home for unit meetings and our monthly lunch group the following week. It was then I really came to know Dora more as I never knew all aspects of her. No one could or did. She was so multi-talented as a mother, friend,



TIME FOR SPRING CLEANING

It may not feel like it, but spring will be here soon. When the feeling hits you that you need to clean out your books, remember our ongoing used book fund raiser.

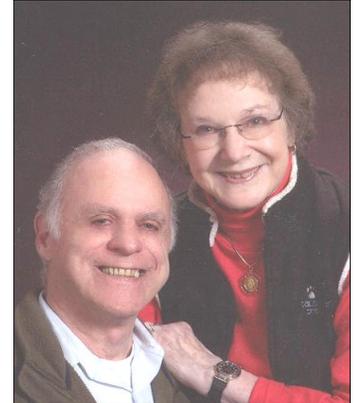
It is an easy and convenient way to give your home the space for new books you

want to read and help our League of Women Voters at the same time. Books may be left in the blue box at the office, or we will be happy to come to your house and pick them up.

In the past month we have had some nice donations of books. The amount raised

was \$88.32. This brings our total since July 1, 2010 to \$819.87. Thank you to those of you who have remembered this fund raiser.

Elleen and Louie Levy
541-343-7592



LANE COMMUNITY COLLEGE FIELD TRIP BY BETTY HOSOKAWA

On Sat. Feb. 5 forty-two members took a field trip to Lane Community College (LCC). After talks by President Mary Spilde and Brett Rowlett that discussed current funding issues and described the new downtown campus, the group toured both the new Health and Wellness Center and the Native American Long House. It was fascinating to have an opportunity to

check out the amazing technology imbedded into the new training facility for nurses and then experience the Long House, steeped in tradition yet equipped with the latest technology for teaching purposes. After our tour we topped off the morning with a delicious luncheon provided by the catering department. As the trip disbanded, several members were suggesting

a future tour of the new LCC downtown campus after completion in 2012.



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

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CALENDAR

MARCH

- Action - TBD (see pages 4 & 5)
- 15 - 10:30 am, Membership
- 16 - 1:30 pm, Board
- 17 - Project Homeless Connect (see page 5)
- 17 - 11:45 am, Third Thursday

APRIL

23 - 9 am, LWVLC Annual Meeting at the Garden Club.
We will be electing officers and adopting a budget and program.

SAVE THE DATE

**NEW MEMBER
WELCOMING EVENT
SCHEDULED**

Our springtime social event is scheduled for
Saturday, May 7,
at Tsunami Bookstore,
from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Barbara Pope, author of *Cezanne's Quarry*, will discuss her more recent book, *The Blood of Lorraine*. Please put this into your social calendar. More information will follow in April's Argus.

Our Mission

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