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League of Women Voters Lane County

Presidents Column

The League Year Is Winding Up - With A Bang!

Co-Presidents Sue Boyd & Susan Tavakolian

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The Annual Meeting unfolded as expected, with members voting in favor of the proposed Lane County Government restudy, a dues increase, and the nominating committee slate. We are pleased to welcome Mary Keating as our new program vice president and delighted to have Phyllis Loobey, Miriam Aiken, Fran Boehner and Anne Mehl continuing for two more years.

A highlight was Janet Calvert's report on her trip to Houston for LWVUS regional membership training. She spent three days learning coaching techniques, technology basics, role-playing, and plan development around best practices to grow the League. We will be hearing much more about that later in the summer, when LWVOR, in partnership with LWVUS, conducts workshops for local leagues. There is additional information on the LWVUS web site, along with an album of photos from the training including some of Janet. (See Janet's article on page 6.)

Next up will be the LWVOR State Council meeting here in Eugene at the Phoenix Inn May 11-12. Susan Tavakolian and I, as co-presidents, will be representing Lane County. Council is the mini-version of a state convention and includes budget adoption and election of officers. We are also expecting to hear about the progress of the state Coastal Study and the update of the Children at Risk Study. The featured speaker for the Friday banquet will be Secretary of State Kate Brown discussing voting in Oregon. Flo Alvergue is in charge of arrangements and has been recruiting members to help staff the event as registrars and pages.

Come early June, Susan, Flo and Kappy Eaton will be off to Washington D.C. to represent us at the LWVUS convention. The LWVUS Board is recommending retention of all LWVUS positions, a concurrence with the LWVDC Position on Sentencing Policy, and a comprehensive program to educate members and communities on the issue of

campaign finance. The proposed wording of the new Sentencing Policy position is 1) The LWVUS believes alternatives to imprisonment should be explored and utilized, taking into consideration the circumstances and nature of the crime. 2) The LWVUS opposes mandatory minimum sentences for drug offenses.

Oregon's Curry County League has proposed a non-recommended study of Lobbying at the Federal Level. An interesting development is a memo adopted by the LWV Connecticut board and sent to the LWVUS Board titled The Sustainability of the LWV vs. Current Financial Structure. It focuses on PMP and its impact on local Leagues. The Connecticut delegation will be hosting a caucus at Convention to discuss findings and recommendations with other LWV delegates.

On a personal note, I remember my first LWVUS convention as one of my favorite League experiences.

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UNITS – LANE COUNTY 101

Units Chair–Anne Meh1

Monday, May 7

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: Mary Keating 344-4889

Tuesday, May 8

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

Wednesday, May 9

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

Friday, May 11

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

**Unit Briefing
Tuesday – May 1
At the Atrium
(Sloat room)
10th and Olive
3 pm**

On-Line Unit # 6

Charlcie Kaylor -
charlcie@efn.org



LANE COUNTY 101

Lane County 101 is the topic of our May units, the last of the year until fall. The county's funding crisis and looming budget cuts are front page news, and we want to give our members some timely background on the issues. Because Lane is a home

rule county, one of a handful in the state, and has traditionally depended on federal forest revenues, it faces a different set of challenges from most other Oregon counties. Whether you are new to the area or an old-timer, we think the unit

will be both useful and informative.

The county budget document will be released before the end of April and the first hearing will be May 1, the same day as briefing.

Sue Boyd

Presidents' Column

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Held in San Francisco in 1974, it was the convention where we voted to admit men as full members. The feeling of being in a hall surrounded by such energetic, committed women has stayed with me for a lifetime.

There is a post script to the Third Thursday discussion of human trafficking. Denise Wilkinson, Zonta president and one of our speakers, asked the League to join her organization and others in signing a letter to local

hotels to be alert to sex trafficking, particularly during big events such as the Olympic Trials. We agreed to do so.

Sue Boyd

VOTER SERVICE – Miriam Aiken & Flo Alvergue, Co-Chairs

The voter service committee met April 17 to plan some upcoming events in this busy election season. Both co-presidents, Sue Boyd and Susan Tavakolian, attended along with Pat Hocken, Stephanie Windsor, Miriam Aiken, and our guest, Alison Voss, president of the Wayne Morse Ranch Board. Alison gave us a history of the Morse Park and mentioned high-lights of Sen. Morse's life. We set Sunday, September 9th, as the date for the candidates' forum on the Morse property. We will co-sponsor the event with the Morse Ranch Board that is planning an ice cream social.

April 25 and 26 at Springfield City Hall Chambers at 5:30 LWVLC is co-sponsoring candidates' forums with the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. On the 25th mayoral and city council candidates will attend, and on the 26th candidates for House seats 11 and 12, and the county commissioners' seats, both north and south regions, will attend. We will need some help with collecting questions from the audience. Two years ago our League co-sponsored a similar event for the county commissioner candidates running for the Springfield seat.

Voters' Guides from LWVOR for the May 15th primary are available in the office in regular, large print, E-Z read and Spanish versions. The registration deadline is April 24th. On April 19th I registered voters at a Head Start function for families at Whiteaker School. Over 200 attended. Ballots should be in the mail April 27th - May 2nd.

To see what your ballot will include, go to Vote411.org and type in your address and political party. LWVOR worked diligently with LWVUS to develop this website. Candidates for the Lane county commission responded well to the questions we posed.

Flo Alvergue



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STATE COUNCIL—Flo Alvergue, LWVOR Events Chair

Our League is hosting the LWVOR state council at the Phoenix Inn here in Eugene Friday and Saturday, May 11-12. Due to many track events this spring, this was the only weekend the hotel could serve us. Thanks very much to those members who signed up at units to volunteer to help with

registration and serve as pages during the business sessions. We could use a few more volunteers for Friday afternoon to be pages. Volunteers will be called as to specific times they are needed. You can register as an observer for the event if you're not volunteering.

Oregon Electric Station's catering service will provide the lunch and dinner on Friday. We hope to have 50-60 statewide members to attend, and it's a good opportunity for Lane County members to observe and assist with a state meeting.

ACTION – Kappy Eaton & Pat Hocken, Co-chairs

State of the State

THINK BEFORE YOU INK

It's that time again when petition passers are seeking your signature on a variety of state initiative proposals which would be placed on the November 6th General Election ballot if qualified. Currently 45 initiatives have been filed with the Secretary of State. Of those, 19 are actively being circulated and seven have been withdrawn. The deadline for filing signature petitions with the state Elections Division is July 6, and chief petitioners have already turned in hundreds of signature sheets. For statutory laws, 87,213 valid signatures are needed, and constitutional amendments require 116,284. It's usually necessary to collect 25 to 30 percent additional signatures because of the number of duplicate or invalid names. It generally takes from 25-30 days for signature verification and certification of the initiatives for the ballot.

The "think before you ink" slogan, supported by the League and other organizations, reminds voters to consider thoughtfully before signing any petition. Ask about the subject matter, what the potential cost of implementation may be, whether the proposal is statutory or amends the constitution, and who the chief petitioner is. Often the person passing petitions is an employee of one of the several businesses involved with signature gathering and should show you his/her credentials (provided by the Secretary of State's office after registration and training) if requested. There are now quite stringent rules in place for passers in order to prevent fraud.

Don't sign "just to get it on the ballot" or if you would not vote for it.

Following are some of the proposals, by initiative number, which are being circulated. Note that more than half are constitutional amendments.

#3 – Prohibits individuals, entities from using "public resources" (defined) to collect funds for "political purposes. Statute.

#5 – Prohibits real estate transfer taxes, fees, assessments; excepts those in place. Constitutional amendment.

#8 – Creates Commission to develop, generate, buy, sell, distribute electric and renewable energy. Statute.

#9 – Allows personal marijuana, hemp cultivation/use; government to regulate. Statute.

#10 – Replaces legislative redistricting; 2013 forward with appointed commission of retired judges. Constitutional amendment.

#11 – Certain initiative ballots must contain full text of measure before other explanatory material. Constitutional amendment.

#12 – Prohibits election laws from excluding qualified voter signatures on initiative/referendum petitions; enforceable right created. Constitutional amendment.

15 – Phases out estate and inheritance taxes on large estates; taxes on intra-family property transfers. Statute.

#21 – Prohibits commercial, non-tribal fishing with gill nets in Oregon "inland waters"; seine nets allowed. Statute.

#22 – Recognizes personal "right to life" that begins at fertilization; bans abortions and certain contra-

ceptives. Constitutional amendment.

#25 – Prohibits "public funds" for abortion coverage, services. Constitutional amendment.

#35 – Allocates corporate income kicker tax refund to K-12 education. Constitutional amendment.

#36 – Establishes private-owned casinos; requires percentage of proceeds to state education fund. Constitutional amendment.

After initiatives are qualified for the ballot, the League Action team will make recommendations to the LWVOR Board regarding any endorsements or opposition to measures relating to League positions.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

HB 4061 (2012) established the committee to review, discuss and analyze the issues of governance within the state's higher education system and the coordination and consolidation among elements of state system with other education programs and missions. Within the committee charge is a legislative comment which states that there is the potential benefit of individual public university boards and makes the requirement that national experts should be consulted to examine best practices in models of university governance.

The committee shall recommend legislation for the creation of local governing boards at public universities with a plan that (1) provides opportunity for local governance at universities that request local governance and demonstrate preparation for such re-

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**Next Action
committee
meeting on
Wednesday, May 2
at 9:30 a.m. at
Kappy Eaton's,
175 S Garden Way
All members are
welcome.**

Action - continued

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 sponsibility, and (2) define the authority that will be granted to local boards regarding specific elements of that authority. Such elements include hiring, evaluation and dismissal of university presidents, tuition and fees, financial management (in consultation with State Treasurer), personal policies, achievement compacts (Higher Education Coordinating Council), disposal, acquisition, management of real, personal and intangible property, capital projects, and legal affairs and advocacy with the state. Also to be decided are how local boards will be appointed (including faculty, staff and student representation), set up a

rapid timetable for implementation of local boards and bring assurance that the public mission of Oregon's public universities is maintained and enhanced.

All this is to be accomplished on a committee timeline which began April 12 and must be completed, with recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature, no later than November 1. The first draft is to go to the Legislature's higher education related Interim committee by August 15, followed by 30 days of public comment. Along with the public, consultations with Oregon University System representatives, students, faculty, alumni and other stake-

holders are required.

The Special committee has 10 members: four Senators, four Representatives and two public members. Rep. Michael Dembrow, Rep. Mark Johnson and Sen. Mark Hass were elected co-chairs. Since the House is split, one co-chair came from each political party. Lane County has two members: Rep. Val Hoyle and Sen. Lee Beyer. I will be monitoring the meetings of the committee and keeping the League informed. If you are interested in following the committee's discussion, either in Salem or on-line: May 10, 23; June 7, 21; July 12,26; August 9, 23; September 13,27; October 11,25.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The Interim committees have scheduled three sessions to plan for the 2013 Legislature. They will meet May 21-23; September 12-14; and November 14-16. The first sessions generally will have informational hearings on issues to be considered; second, to narrow down and select priorities; third, to order bills to be drafted by a December deadline. A number of Task Forces and Special committees will make their reports in September or November so legislation can be recommended for consideration.

Kappy Eaton

LOCAL ACTION UPDATE

Envision Eugene

After several months of following the Envision Eugene process of planning for the City's long-term growth, the League is preparing to testify before the Eugene Council at a public hearing on May 14. The Board recently approved testimony recommended by the Action committee. Some of the highlights of the League's comments are: We applaud the planning process for its depth, transparency, and balanced approach. We support the recommendation to expand the urban growth boundary for a total of approximately 1100 acres for larger industrial sites, single family homes, parks and schools. We support strategies to increase the percentage of multi-family housing in new developments to 45%

from its historic rate of 39%. We support periodic monitoring and evaluation of plan implementation.

Eugene Transportation System Plan

Concurrently with the Envision Eugene process, City staff are working on an update of the Eugene Transportation System Plan (TSP) to replace TransPlan as Eugene's local comprehensive transportation strategy. The TSP will support the Envision Eugene vision for future growth and mobility over the next 20 years or more. It will provide goals and policies to direct future changes to the transportation system as well as a list of projects that are needed to implement the changes. The TSP will meld direction from the Airport Master Plan, the Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan, Lane Transit District's

long range transit plan, and other plans.

City staff has released draft goals, objectives and policies for public review and feedback and is accepting recommendations for potential transportation projects. The goals and objectives will eventually be used as criteria for evaluating potential projects. A community survey and more information are available at the plan's website www.EugeneTSP.org through April 30.

McKenzie River Water Rights

The League has been learning more about Willamette Water Co.'s application to the Oregon Water Resources Department (WRD) for a water permit to draw 34 cubic feet per second from the

McKenzie River. The application was submitted in late 2008, but a decision has been delayed due to legal protests from WaterWatch of Oregon, which opposes the granting of the water right. An administrative law judge's proposed order is expected to be issued soon, which will trigger a 30-day comment period, after which the WRD can issue a final order on the application. Unfortunately, the general public or the League are not allowed to comment now, only parties such as WaterWatch of Oregon that protested earlier. However, the League can contact elected officials such as the Governor and legislators to voice our opposition to the issuance of a water right to withdraw incredibly large quantities of water from

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MEMBERSHIP LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT (MDL) PROGRAM KICKS OFF IN OREGON - Janet Calvert



Janet Calvert, LWVLC
Sarah Diefendorf, LWVUS
Shur fellow/National Coach,
Debbie Kaye - LWV Portland

Imagine if EVERY League was maximizing the good work they are now doing in this election year and growing itself in the process? This question kicked off a three day MLD training in Houston, Texas where LWVUS Board Members, staff and Shur Fellows National Coaching Team League volunteers laid out the long-term vision for a revitalized League.

Oregon League coaches, Janet Calvert, LWVLC and Debbie Kaye, Portland, joined 30 coaches from nine other states at the training where they were introduced to the components of the MLD Program. These include best practices in marketing and visibility, ideas and resources for working

with the media and allied groups, and leadership development tools.

One of the unique and essential practices of the program, which is producing positive results in the 33 states already in the program, is the coaching or mentoring provided at all levels of League. Everyone attending the Houston training learned about and practiced some of best practices of coaching, team building and membership building.

The next phase of the program focuses on local League members and leaders. The Oregon League Board and LWVUS will host an in-state training for local Leagues. At this training sometime during the summer or early fall, 2-3

members from each of the four (or more) local Leagues will have an opportunity to participate in a two day training to learn best practices about how to grow the League, develop new leaders, and create action plans for the coming year.

All expenses for local and state League members attending the MLD training will be underwritten by the LWVUS Leadership Fund endowed by Walter Shur in memory of his wife, Ruth S. Shur, a long-time League member and leader in New York and North Carolina.

For more information about the program, visit www.lwv.org or call Janet Calvert, 541-686-2697.

Recent Activity Regarding the Statement of Principles on Immigrant Integration - Dorothy Soper

Last December the League of Women Voters of Lane County endorsed a Statement of Principles put forward by the Lane County Network for Immigrant Integration (LCNII) organized and chaired by Professor Robert Bussel, Director, Labor Education and Research Center, University of Oregon. The network has been meeting for over a year and represents a wide swath of Lane County organizations and governmental agencies that serve or work with local immigrant communities. The full statement appears in the January Argus. In summary, signatories make a

public commitment to recognize the historic and current contributions of immigrants to our society while working for their inclusion and integration in Lane County. Signatories also affirm a belief that immigration policy needs to be addressed at the federal level and become more consistent, just, and humane.

Since last fall network members have been approaching organizations and governmental agencies that are not already represented in the network, and also private businesses, to gain their endorsement. Endorse-

ments of individuals are also welcomed. As of early April approximately thirty groups and numerous individuals have endorsed the statement. The effort to gain more endorsements continues the hope the statement will become broadly representative of our community.

The network will hold a press conference on Monday, April 30th, noon in the lobby of the Springfield City Hall, 225 Fifth Street, to introduce the statement to the general public and encourage groups and individuals to endorse it. League members would be most welcome.

League members will remember that in 2007-2008 there was a national study of immigration policy. A local study and unit topic the next year continued the discussion. Professor Bussel was very helpful in both years. This earlier association led to his inviting LWVLC to join the network even though it's not a service agency. Professor Bussel recognizes our investment in the matter of immigration. I've been privileged to represent the LWVLC on the LCNII and I'm especially pleased that the LWVUS position on immigration permits us to support this local effort.

Congress, please take a good look at anti-voter laws

*April 17, 2012 |
by Elisabeth MacNamara*

This morning the House Committee on the Judiciary will hold a hearing examining the Department of Justice's (DOJ) record on voting rights enforcement. Protecting voters' rights is at the core of what the League of Women Voters does so we have to ask: Why is the Judiciary committee holding this hearing rather than taking on the anti-voter laws that were hastily passed in so many states around the country?

Why aren't our elected officials looking to see what is behind these state laws that could make it harder for millions of eligible voters to participate in Election 2012?

These anti-voter laws are cloaked as an attempt to bring integrity to our elections systems yet many are now seeing them for what they really are: an assault on voters and one of the greatest self-inflicted threats to our democracy in our lifetimes. The new laws threaten to silence the voices of those least heard and rarely listened to in this country – the poor, the elderly, racial and ethnic minorities, the young and persons with disabilities.

Some progress to blunt the impact of these requirements has been made in the past few months. DOJ objected to voter ID requirements in South Carolina and Texas, states that require preclearance of any changes made to their election laws. The Leagues in both states have intervened in the legal proceedings to protect

voters although the final outcome may not be known for a few months. A court in Wisconsin has ordered a permanent injunction against their photo ID law in a case brought by the Wisconsin state League. And just yesterday, the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit struck down Arizona's proof-of-citizenship requirement -once again, the League was involved in that case as well.

While Congress sits on its hands, the League is continuing to do what it can to see that voter suppression laws will be struck down in each and every state and come November every eligible citizen will be able to exercise their right to vote and have their vote counted without additional, unnecessary barriers. What would you like Congress to do to protect voting rights?

(From LWVUS website.)

Local Action continued

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the McKenzie River. The local League Board has approved taking this action. The final order of the WRD can be challenged in the Oregon Court of Appeals.

The basis for the League's opposition is the speculative nature of the application, in other words, it is not clear how the water right would be developed or used. The company has no access to a diversion point and no waiting customers for the water. The land use approvals necessary to develop the water right are unknown due to the vagueness of the proposal.

West Eugene EmX

The League continues to participate in the West EmX Yes! group with individuals and other organizations that support the project. The Federal Tran-

sit Administration has not yet released the draft Environmental Impact Statement but is expected to do so in a few weeks. The release will begin the 45-day period for public comment. The reaffirmation of the project by the Eugene City Council and the Lane Transit District Board is now anticipated to occur in the fall.

Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan

As reported in my April column under the heading "Drinking Water in Lane County," the League testified in opposition to a proposal to amend the Eugene-Springfield Metropolitan Area General Plan (Metro Plan). At that time we expressed our concerns that the proposal would result in less oversight of clean water resources. However, the ramifications of the pro-

posal are much, much broader.

First of all, I need to correctly state the provisions of the Metro Plan proposed amendment. The description in last month's column was not correct. The proposal is part one of a two-phase proposal to remove all the land beyond the Urban Growth Boundaries (UGB) of Eugene and Springfield from joint city-county jurisdiction. This shift would give Lane County the sole jurisdiction over lands (about 20,000 acres) that are within the metropolitan plan boundary but outside the UGBs of the two cities. The League feels that inter-jurisdictional planning authority must be maintained in order to provide adequate consideration of the impact of long-term growth decisions on areas adjacent to the UGBs. We believe it is critical for the

cities to continue to have the ability to protect future urban expansion areas and natural resources such as Buford Park and conservation areas in the Willamette River.

Guest at Action Committee Meeting

Joining the Action Committee on May 2 at 9:30 a.m. will be Mia Nelson, the Willamette Valley staff person for 1000 Friends of Oregon. Mia will discuss the perspective of her organization on some items discussed above: Envision Eugene housing issues and on the proposed Metro Plan amendment. She will also provide some background information on Oregon's land use laws. Any League member is welcome to attend. Please contact me for details at 541-343-1138 or jphocken@comcast.net.

Pat Hocken

NEW MEMBERS BETTY SPARKS AND HAZEL FOSS

BY JEANNE ARMSTRONG



Betty Sparks recently has come to the Lane County League from the Lincoln County League, where she has been actively involved, including service on the Land Use Committee. She is particularly interested at this point in educational issues.

Betty is a native Oregonian and spent her growing years near Swisshome. She attended Mapleton Elementary School, Eugene High School (later South Eugene High), and the University of Oregon, where she studied mathematics and completed her freshman year. She finished her studies at George Mason University in Vienna, Virginia earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Education and a Master of Education degree with a focus on Special Education.

This training provided a basis for her 25-year teaching career – the first nine years teaching third and fourth graders in one of the first integrated school in Virginia, and the final 16 years teaching elementary-age children with learning disabilities.

Betty and her husband, who worked as a Russian specialist for the Central

Intelligence Agency, lived at various times in Eugene, New Mexico, and Virginia before retiring to the Oregon Coast in the late 1990s. They raised two children -- a son who lives in Virginia, and a daughter who lives in Oregon. After her husband's death a number of years ago, Betty decided to return to the Eugene area.

Betty especially enjoys drawing with colored pencils and is interested in connecting with a critique group with similar interests. Her favorite subjects are flowers and portraits.



An hour with League member **Hazel Foss** is like looking up at snow capped hills, noticing spring flowers, and hearing the sounds of wildlife. These are the things that tempered Hazel's hard work on a homestead in Alaska half a century ago and that characterize her outlook on life today. She celebrated her 99th birthday in April of this year.

Hazel's family came to Eugene from Omaha, Nebraska during the Great Depression when Hazel was an elementary school child. All she remembers of Nebraska is a "big old white house and a beauti-

ful, fragrant lilac tree."

The family settled on Alder Street, she enrolled at Eugene High School and graduated in 1930. She attended the University of Oregon eventually graduated with degree in Business Administration. When Hazel recognized her passion for the arts, earned a Masters of Art Education. She values having had the privilege of studying under David McCosh and other notable northwest artists. Hazel's beautiful paintings hang in her apartment at the Eugene Hotel.

Hazel married Ted in 1934, and set out on an adventurous life. They moved to Coquille to open a sporting goods store that flourished for a decade or more. One day, as Hazel stood behind the counter at the store, Ted asked, "Hazel, do we want to spend our entire lives behind this counter?" Her eyes lit up. They sold the store and headed for Anchorage, Alaska. Ted's knowledge of sporting goods led to a job as a manufacturer's representative for an array of sporting merchandise.

To ease her loneliness when Ted was traveling, Hazel took a position teaching 3rd through 7th grade children in the Anchorage School District. She continued in this work for 15 years. One day she and Ted drove to a homestead site on Eagle River to plant their stake. It was a rough drive and, before they knew it, they were stuck in the mud. Only then did they notice a sign saying, "\$50 to pull

you out." Undaunted, they slogged on and found the 160 acres of land they were looking for, and laid their claim. Hazel remembers sowing seed for grain in her "time off" from teaching and taking care of a family. During the years that she and Ted farmed the homestead, they built a landing strip and purchased a bush airplane to travel back and forth from the city to the homestead.

Hazel and Ted raised two children, one lives in Seattle and the other in Coos Bay. Their three grandchildren and two great grandchildren all lead unique and interesting lives. After Ted's death in 1998, Hazel lived for a number of years in Coos Bay to be near her daughter.

Recollections and experiences of earlier years in Eugene lured her back to the city, where these memories led to a continuing interest in political matters. Her father had worked in city government for many years, and she and Ted had been involved in affairs of government. She became acquainted with League of Women Voters member, Nancie Fadeley, when both were working with the Older Women's League. That led to her joining the Lane County League of Women Voters. She also is a member of P.E.O which supports women who need help achieving their educational goals. At her residence in The Eugene Hotel, she has begun writing poetry and has had a recent poem published in the hotel newsletter.

BOOKS TRAVEL WELL

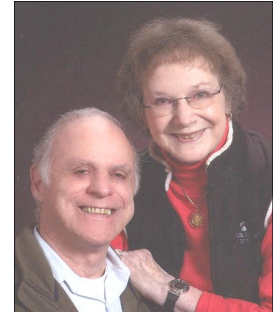
This is the time of year when a lot of us plan trips. A good book is a necessity to go along with you. While waiting in the airport, traveling on the train, or just relaxing near the beach or the lake, a good book can bring a lot of pleasure. Remember when you return home

that your League of Women Voters appreciates donated books. They can be left in the blue box at the office, or we will be happy to pick them up at your home.

Sales this month brought in \$66.10, bringing the total since last July 1 to

\$1,638.70. Thank you to all who have remembered this worthy cause. We couldn't make this project a success without your donations.

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



ALEC BACKS DOWN, BUT THE LEAGUE MUST STAND OUR GROUND

The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) made news this week when they announced that they were discontinuing their Public Safety and Elections Task Force. This Task Force was responsible for the promotion of 'model' voter identification and stand-your-ground legislation that has recently been in the news. This announcement came after many organizations put pressure on corporations to withdraw their support from ALEC.

This retreat by ALEC is an important step for organizations like the League that have worked so hard to protect voting rights and protect the public interest in many other areas. We must still remain vigilant against special interest influence on our government and democracy which has too often been hidden from the public.

The League always encourages voters to stand their ground. Special interests cannot prevail when confronted by an informed and engaged electorate. In order to do this, Leagues across the country will continue to work hard registering and educating voters, while also seeking to improve our government and elections. Can we count on you to stand your ground?

(From the LWVUS website.)

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338 West 11th Ave, Suite
101 Eugene, OR 97401

League of Women Voters Lane County

Membership Form

- Individual \$63
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- Student \$20
- Individual after February 1st \$32

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CALENDAR

MAY

- 1, Unit Briefing - 3 pm Atrium
- 2, Action Committee - 9:30 am (page 4)
- 7-11, Units - Lane County 101
- 11 & 12, LWVOR Council (page 3)
- 15, Ballots due
- 16, Board meeting, 1:30 to 3:30 pm
- 18, Deadline for ARGUS

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, 11 am to 1:30 pm,
during most of the year.

The office will be closed on
Monday, May 28, for Memorial Day.
Summer office hours are between Memorial Day and Labor Day:
Monday and Thursday, 11 am to 1:30 pm.