

# ARGUS



League of Women Voters Lane County

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

ARGUS April 2013

## HONORING DOROTHY ANDERSON

Dorothy Anderson will be presented with our Annabel Kitzhaber Award for Education and Advocacy at Third Thursday April 18. Dorothy was a pioneering advocate for statewide land use planning, both as a lobbyist for the League of Women Voters of Oregon and as a member for six years of the state's first Land Conservation and Development Commission (LCDC), 1973-79.

Dorothy originally joined the League in Nebraska and became a member of the Eugene League when she and her husband Frank came to Oregon in 1958. LWVOR's first land use study came out in 1959, and it was through the League that Dorothy

became interested in land use planning.

It's hard now to realize what a novel and controversial idea statewide planning was in those days. Concern about postwar suburban development around Portland and in the Willamette Valley had prompted agricultural interests to seek protection for farmland. That, along with the 1966 election of Governor Tom McCall, who supported



environmental protection, led to the 1973 passage of SB 100, unprecedented legislation that created what has been described as the nation's first truly comprehensive statewide planning program.

The bill established LCDC, which was mandated to develop statewide goals, coordinate local plans, and assure active citizen participation in the planning process. Appointed by Governor McCall in 1973, Dorothy recalls going around the state three times as the commission held more than 90 hearings and workshops while developing the original 14 goals. More hearings were held as the other five goals

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**April 18**

Lane County  
Fairgrounds  
Events Center

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

**12:15** Free program

Reservations very, very important.  
(541-343-7917) or  
league@lwv1c.org

## Third Thursday by Nancie Fadeley

Our speaker will be  
**HENRY R. RICHMOND,**

THE YOUNG MAN  
WHO MADE SB 100 WORK

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also honoring

**DOROTHY ANDERSON**



## UNITS CONSIDER LANE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

### Unit Briefing

Tuesday, April 2  
Atrium - Sloat Room  
10th & Olive Eugene  
3:00 pm

### Monday, April 8

**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 485-9090  
C: Mary Keating 344-4889

### Tuesday, April 9

**9:30 am - Coburg Road #3**  
2135 Rocky Lane  
H: Dorothy Cruickshank 342-2577  
C: Rhonda Livesay 228-4373

**4 pm - S.W. Eugene #4**  
1010 West 20th-Eleanor Mulder's home  
H: Pat McDaniels 343-4728  
C: Sally Weston 484-4404

### Wednesday, April 10

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

**2:30 pm - Cottage Grove/Creswell #8**  
Creswell Library, 64 W. Oregon Avenue  
H: Gayle Downing 942-1858  
C: Dian Missar 942-7676

### Friday, April 12

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

Charlcie Kaylor, Acting Chair - 686-0124

## LANE COUNTY GOVERNMENT by Pat McDaniels

April units will look at a position originally taken 52 years ago. When our local League was founded in 1939, one of the first studies was **Know Your County**. A study of the structure of Lane County government was originally adopted in 1943. Our current position was adopted in 1961 and amended in 1976. This month we are again looking at County government and whether we would like to make any changes in our position.

Last year units had a discussion called Lane County 101. This gave members an overall look at Lane County Government. We are asking everyone to reread this material. If you are a new

member or cannot find this report, it is at <http://www.lwvlc.org/studies/lane-co-101-may-2012>. Each discussion leader packet will have a couple of copies of Lane County 101 also. If you would like a hard copy, please call me, Pat McDaniels, 541-343-4728, and we will arrange to get you a copy.

Our briefing speaker will be **Dan Egan** a member

of the League's Advisory Board. He is Executive Director of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce. Also he was Chair of the Citizen's County 2010 Re-redistricting Committee. He will be able to give us some interesting insight into the County government.

All members are welcome to come to Briefing.



## HENRY R. RICHMOND – Made SB 100 Work by Nancie Fadeley

Henry R. Richmond was 31 when he came up with the idea for 1000 Friends of Oregon, a public-interest organization dedicated to both defining and defending the innovative land use program created by SB 100. When we celebrate the 40th anniversary of this truly remarkable piece of legislation, it is important to note the vital role of Richmond’s idea in making our state’s land use planning law work.

In 1973, as staff attorney for OSPIRG, he had watched SB 100 make its way through the legislative process and realized that there was a problem.

The problem was that local officials traditionally had had almost wide-open discretion in land use decisions. Senate Bill 100 left planning in the hands of those officials, but also required that they consider statewide goals and guidelines. But would they? Richmond recognized that our state’s new law needed a watchdog.

Our then governor, Tom McCall, also saw the need to define SB 100 legally “so that someone couldn’t go to court and drag a wagon

through it.” He and Richmond both feared that handing over the planning to local officials to administer could “turn SB 100 into mush.”

Richmond’s plan for a watchdog for Oregon’s land delighted McCall. One of his last acts as governor was an appearance at a press conference with Richmond to announce the founding of 1000 Friends of Oregon.

Richmond chose that name because he hoped there would be 1,000 people who cared enough about the future of Oregon to contribute. Today many more than 1000 individuals, groups, and businesses list themselves as friends.

As the first executive director of 1000 Friends, Richmond led a team of young attorneys who had been out of law school even fewer years than he. Their remarkable successes in the courtroom winning judicial rulings in precedent setting cases made land use legal history.

Richmond twice co-edited the Oregon State Bar’s 27-chapter text on land use.

His reputation as a re-

spected leader in land use law extends far beyond our state. He receives many invitations to advise advocates for land use legislation in other states who value his expertise and want to learn from the Oregon experience.

Nationally, his land use planning leadership includes the founding and chairing of the National Growth Management Leadership Project, his service on the Board of Directors of the Congress for the New Urbanism, and his founding of the American Land Institute.

In 1982, Princeton University honored him with the Rockefeller Public Service Award. And in 1985, he received a Distinguished Service Award from the University of Oregon.

When not receiving awards or making speeches or advising citizens who are interested in organizing 1000-Friends type organizations in their states, Richmond lives with his wife, Ruth, on the family farm in Yamhill County. They are the parents of two grown sons.



### Still Accepting Support \$\$\$\$

It’s not too late!! Your donation to the League of Women Votes of Lane County is still needed and welcomed.

In March you received a letter explaining your League’s need for your donation to either the League of Women Voters Education Fund, which is tax deductible, or to League of Women Voters of Lane County, which pays for our office expenses, advocacy activities (lobbying), membership recruitment and leadership development. Support the League. Support informed and active participation in government. Thank you.

*Janet Calvert, Finance Chair*

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

### STATE OF THE STATE

#### **Voter Registration Issues**

Secretary of State (SOS) Kate Brown is giving a high priority to modernizing Oregon's voter registration system. Even before the federal government had enacted the National Voting rights Act (NVRA), Oregon had implemented its DMV system required by the new law. Citizens can register by mail, when they obtain a car license, electronically or in person at the county elections office. HB 2198 would enact a new statute to have the DMV forward to the SOS all new license holders and ID holders, and they would be automatically be registered. The necessary required voter information—name, address, date of birth, proof of citizenship and signature—would be sent electronically to the state Elections Division. A mandated card would be sent to each person who could choose not to remain registered or could indicate a party affiliation or non-affiliation. The return postcard would be prepaid.

With its Vote by Mail election system, Oregon has a top five nationally General Election turnout of 82.5%. However, only 64% of those eligible to vote are registered. It is estimated that under the new procedure, more than 500,000 citizens could be registered before the next presidential election. Students, the League and the county election clerks were among those supporting the

proposal, while the Republican Party and several conservatives spoke against it.

Other voter access bills also have been heard in the House Rules committee. These include HB 2988 that would allow 16 year olds to register to vote when they reach 18; HB 2017 which would allow a person without a valid driver's license or state ID to update their voter registration information electronically using the last four numbers of their social security number; and HB 3175 which directs public universities and community colleges to increase voter registration and information efforts working with their student organizations. The 16 year old bill passed to the House floor from the committee, 7-2. The League supports all of these measures as improvements to the elections process.

#### **National Popular Vote (NPV)**

A nearly full audience heard the discussion March 20 on HB 3077, the interstate compact on National Popular Voter. John Koza, one of the founders of the NPV plan, led the support group in pointing out that Oregon is one of the 35 states that are only spectators during presidential campaigns. NPV would ensure that every vote, in every state, would be treated equally, not by the winner take all system cur-

rently in many states. Common Cause Oregon reported to the supporters that their mail asking people to tell their legislators (representatives and senators) to vote for the compact had engendered almost 600 replies and covered most of the lawmakers. It is critical that we all send the mails, write or call our legislators with the same message: "This is important to our democracy and Oregon votes need to be equal in the Presidential elections.

#### **Redistricting Proposals Don't Resonate in 2013**

Judging from the polite, but low key reception of the proposals for changing how Oregon would redraw its legislative and Congressional boundaries in 2021, HB 2686 and HJR 17, will not move out of the House Rules committee. After three decades of having the plan done by the Secretary of State, the Legislature was successful in 2011. There is no compelling reason to consider changing the process. HB 2686 calls for a nine member independent commission, appointed by the governor from a list of nominees. The Legislature would not be involved. HJR 17 is a constitutional amendment to repeal the current process of a legislative plan or a Secretary of State plan if the Legislature failed. The new plan is supported by the Portland City Club, AARP and Common Cause Oregon.

ACTION  
COMMITTEE

April 3,  
9:30 am

175 S. Garden Way

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## LOCAL ACTION

### May Ballot Measures

As described in the March Argus, the League has considered three local measures appearing on the May 21 ballot. The measures and the League responses approved by the board are below.

### Lane County Public Safety

As reported last month, the League board has voted to support Measure 20-213 raising revenue for reopening adult jail beds and juvenile detention and treatment beds closed due to budget shortfalls. The measure is a local option property tax levy to be imposed for five years and allows the consistent operation of 255 adult jail beds and 16 juvenile detention beds and 16 juvenile treatment beds during that period. The Everymember publication distributed with the March Argus provides more details about the proposal.

Passing this measure is the League's top priority for this election. A letter of support was published in The Register Guard. The League has also purchased a statement in support in the Voters Pamphlet for the upcoming election. It intends to make a monetary contribution to the political action committee "Yes for Lane County Jail Beds". Additional advocacy is under consideration.

### City of Eugene Budget Gap

The City of Eugene seeks approval to collect monthly fees to raise about \$5 million annually to be used to retain library, fire, recreation, and other services in the budget

year beginning July 1. The proposed fees would not exceed \$10 per month for each dwelling, or \$120 annually, and \$30 per month for each business, or \$360 annually. The Eugene Council chose fees rather than additional property taxes as a potential revenue source because fees would be collected from all households and businesses not just property owners. In general, fees are not subject to the same restrictions as property taxes on increases and length of time imposed. Although the fee would be subject to council review in five years, the council could choose to continue it without an election as long as the amount did not increase.

The decision of the League board at this time is to remain neutral on this measure, that is, neither support or oppose it. This decision will be revisited at the April Action Committee and Board meetings. In arriving at the neutral stance, the Board considered several applicable League positions including those that support funding for libraries and parks and those that contain fiscal criteria such as ability to pay and the cost of collection. As of this writing, the collecting agency and process are unknown, and the required low-income assistance program has not been developed.

The League's neutral stance should not be taken as a direction to members, just a recognition of a lack of a clear pathway for League action. In fact, League mem-

bers are encouraged to work as individuals in support or opposition as they see fit. Two political action committees (PAC) plan to be active in the campaign, one in support (Eugene Cares for Neighbors and Community PAC) and one in opposition (not registered yet with the Secretary of State). The Eugene Cares campaign may be contacted by phone at 541-632-3814 or email at [eugenecares@email.com](mailto:eugenecares@email.com). The contact information for the opposition PAC will be posted on [www.lwvlc.org](http://www.lwvlc.org) when it becomes available. Additional neutral information is available at the City's website at [www.eugene-or.gov/planofaction](http://www.eugene-or.gov/planofaction).

Please contact me if you wish to participate in the discussion of this issue at the Action committee meeting on Wednesday, April 3.

### Eugene School District 4J Bond Measure

The Eugene School District 4J board placed on the May ballot a \$170 million bond measure to be repaid with property taxes levied for 21 years. The proceeds would be used for replacement of four buildings (Roosevelt Middle School, Jefferson/ATA Middle School, Howard Elementary School, and River Road Elementary School), district wide repairs and remodeling, technology and security upgrades, instructional materials, and bus purchases. More details appeared in last month's Argus.

The League board has voted to support this measure

based on our local statement of position on Elementary and Secondary School Facilities and the LWVOR statement of position on Fiscal Policy-Tax System.

### Local Government Budgets

Spring is when local governments such as counties, cities, school districts, and other districts prepare their budgets for the next fiscal year which begins July 1. Oregon law lays out requirements for citizen involvement in budget development. Each jurisdiction must have a Budget Committee which consists of the elected or appointed board members and an equal number of citizens appointed by the board. For example, the Lane County Budget Committee includes 10 members, the five elected commissioners and the five appointed citizens. The process must include publication of proposed budgets as well as public hearings.

The League testified last spring on the Lane County budget for the current 2012-13 fiscal year. We expect to follow the development of the 2013-14 county budget and weigh in as appropriate. Of course, the May election outcomes will have an impact on the budget for Lane County as well as that of the City of Eugene.

**Pat Hocken**

## STATE ACTION – continued

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### **A Listless, But Not Stagnant Economy**

Updates to the House and Senate Revenue committees indicate slow, but steady increases in personal income tax payments, corporate income tax payments, employment figures, and construction projects. A significant income tax payment is expected with the April tax deadline, and the corporate surplus over the biennium income projection, is likely to cause the “kicker” to be in play. The voters, in 2012, amended the constitution to now put any surplus into the General Fund for K-12 education. There is a bill before the Revenue committees to allow the money into the Fund after the end of this biennium. The personal kicker is unlikely to happen unless there is an unexpected surplus of about \$176 million above the projected receipts before June 30.

None of the bills that would remedy the kicker laws or give relief for the local government and schools fiscal crisis caused by Measure (1990) and Measure 5 (1997) have moved forward after second Senate Revenue committee hearings. There is work going on behind the scenes, but the April 8 deadline for sending bills to their respective chambers for action is fast approaching.

The Oregon Revenue Coalition has been asked to come

up with tax expenditure targets – both dollar numbers and possible repeals or revisions of specified tax credits or deductions to meet the amount to be raised. We are working with the Ways and Means committee and the two Revenue committees to determine how to obtain the amounts and to avoid unexpected consequences of repealing certain tax credits. Called the Revenue Recovery Project, the proposal will be discussed further on March 26 and hopefully moved forward.

### **Taxing Carbons**

The Senate Revenue committee held an informational review March 20 on how to tax greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in a revenue neutral way. Administrators of the successful British Columbia project, related to the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub>s and climate change, discussed the province’s tax program which started in 2008. The tax started at \$10 per ton of GHG and rose annually by \$5 increments to reach the maximum of \$30 per ton in 2012. To make it revenue neutral, several tax cuts were made, both to the manufacturing sector and to households.

The program, Climate Carbon Plan, is aimed at reducing the CO<sub>2</sub> by 80% in 2050. The first five years have seen a 6% reduction, with 33% expected by 2020. There is continued local support with community charters and reinforced policies. The \$1.2 billion cost is offset by the tax policy that

has low income and rural protections. The tax covers 70% of the GHG emissions with the transportation area the greatest problem.

### **University Governance**

Both the House Higher Education and Workforce committee (HB 2149) and the Senate Education and Workforce committee (SB 270) have been holding hearings on the bills to grant local boards of directors to UO, OSU and PSU and allow the other state universities to apply for them. Support has come generally from faculty, presidents, staff and the public, but students are concerned about who determines tuition rises and membership on the boards, also a concern for faculty and staff. There is also placeholder bill, HB 3120, that is expected to include the major restructuring of the entire education system, but probably not the institutional boards. SB 270 has a work session scheduled on March 26, and it may be on the Senate floor soon.

### **Women’s Issues**

Several of the Women’s Health and Wellness Alliance bills are moving. HB 2779, protection by a restraining order for persons subject to sexual abuse, has been recommended for a House vote. HB 2903 requires a work place posting of summaries of statutes and rules related to employment rights of victims of domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking. A public hearing was held March 25. HB 2672 also was

heard on March 25. It would establish work place protections for domestic works, under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Labor and Industry. Extending the Earned Income Tax Credit has had positive hearings in both Senate and House committees, and TANF (temporary assistance to needy families) is gaining traction for being extended 60 months instead of only two years.

*Kappy Eaton*



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

They Represent You copies are waiting for you to distribute! There is a carton in the League office hallway with a sign-out clipboard. Please pickup copies to give to family, friends, neighbors, real estate offices, book groups, churches, and other organizations. Citizens are happy to receive this handy reference listing all elected officials with contact information in Lane County. We give TRYs to audiences at forums and ballot measure presentations as well.

Keep in mind that the voter

registration deadline is April 30 for the May 21 special election. Ballots will be mailed and official drop sites open May 3. Measures filed include Eugene School District 4J's levy to authorize general obligation bonds, the City of Eugene's monthly fee for City fire, police, homelessness and other services, and Lane County's five-year levy for jail and critical youth services.

According to a recent report, 25% of Oregon's eligible voters did not vote in last November's election. Oregon's Secretary of State, Kate

Brown, has proposed automatic registration by linking voter registration to the state Driver and Motor Vehicle Services division (Register-Guard, March 22, 2013). To obtain a driver's license, an applicant must show proof of citizenship, which is usually a birth certificate or passport. When League members or other groups register voters in drives, such documents aren't required. Anyone worried about illegal aliens voting should be in favor of this proposal.

Let's get those TRYs out to all of Lane County!

***Flo Alvergue***

### Oregon Student Mock Election Earns Fourth National Award

*Rebecca Smith, Coordinator*

After successful mock election year, we are pleased to announce that we have won another national award for the Oregon Student Mock Election. Leading educational organizations, in conjunction with the My Voice National Student Mock Election, sponsored awards for outstanding student voter educational projects. The Oregon Student Mock Election is the winner of the Statewide Category for an exceptional state level voting project.

The 2012 Oregon Student Mock Election involved 217

schools and more than 49,000 students from all parts of Oregon. The League organized volunteers to publicize the project and revise and create new materials to encourage students to vote. The project culminated in a mock vote resulting in extensive media coverage. Through an authentic learning experience, students realized that their votes matter.

The program was coordinated by the League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund and cosponsored and supported by the Governor's office, the Secretary of State, the Department of Education, the Oregon Newspaper Publishers

Association, the Oregon PTA, the Oregon School Boards Association, the Oregon Council for the Social Studies, and Oregon Association of Student Councils. We worked in coordination with the My Voice National Student Mock Election.

I would especially like to acknowledge dedicated League volunteers Deanie Anderson, Anne Bell, Marge Easley, Marianne Germond, Sally Hollemon, Marnie Lonsdale, and Kathy Pugh. Temporary employees Rachel Buckley and Hayden Clapper, as well as intern Hannah Miller were a tremendous help. All the organizations, volunteers, and employees deserve credit for the award. Thank you!

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## LEAVE A LEGACY TO THE LEAGUE by JANET CALVERT

It's not complicated to leave funds or property for your most important organization for future unfinished business. You can arrange now to leave a legacy gift to the League's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt charitable organization or you can give at any time.

The language is quite simple and can be written up with your attorney/financial planner. Simply say, "I bequeath to the League of Women Voters of Oregon Education Fund, a Charitable nonprofit tax-exempt organization formed in Oregon, with an

office at 1330 12th Street SE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97302, (specify gift amount, percentage of estate, residual amount or property)."

You can leave a flat amount, a percentage of the estate or a piece of property. The

amount can be dedicated to a local League and kept by the state League's Education Fund for that local League to use on Education Fund projects.

Copied from the Spring LWVOR Voter.

### MENTAL HEALTH INTEREST GROUP

The first meeting of League members interested in mental health issues met In March. The mental health interest group's next meeting will be on the 2nd Thursday of April (April 11) at 10 AM in the League office.

### Presidents' Column continued

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were developed and adopted in 1975 and 1976. People in Eugene and Portland, she remembers, were generally polite and supportive, but the chair of LCDC was hanged in effigy in Florence. Dorothy chaired a rowdy hearing east of the mountains where a large group of attendees shouted at her as they stormed out. Thankfully, once they left, the meeting went well.

Nancie Fadeley was then representing a Lane County district in the Oregon House and chaired the Environment and Land Use Committee which dealt with SB 100. She feels it was Dorothy's participation in those many hearings that was her major contribution to the establishment of statewide planning.

Dorothy was very active locally. Sharon Posner and Mary Sherriffs, Lane LWV presidents during the 70's,

describe her as the "godmother" of citizen involvement in regional planning. Mary reports, "She attended every meeting of regional planning committees when the local area started its planning efforts and was certainly on the Citizens' Advisory Committee for the 1990 Plan and, of course, on MAPAC (Metropolitan Area Planning Advisory Committee). She not only attended these meetings but she understood the issues and helped the League take reasoned and well informed positions on these matters at a time when land use planning was really hot and controversial."

Sally Weston concurs. She remembers, "As for Dorothy, I have very clear memories of being in her upstairs study/office surround by one-to-two-foot high stacks of land use planning drafts and legal documents that I found daunting just by their sheer weight. She was to-

tally immersed in them all. "

The Annabel Kitzhaber Award was named for former Lane County and LWVOR president Annabel Kitzhaber. Previous recipients were Annabel and Kappy Eaton. Criteria include:

- Leadership
- Significant contribution to the principles of the League of Women Voters
- Positive impact in the community/League
- Participation/facilitation in public issues for the good of the community
- Long-term commitment to education and advocacy of public policy issues
- Statesmanship in dealing with divergent points of view
- Dedication to grass-roots involvement of citizens in government

To commemorate the award, the League will add Dorothy's name to the plaque in the League office listing recipients of the Annabel Award and will have a paver engraved with her name placed at the Hult Center. **Sue Boyd**



Annabel Kitzhaber



## BUY LWVOR RAFFLE TICKETS AND WIN! by JANET CALVERT

Tickets are \$10 each. For each raffle ticket purchased, you have one chance in 2,000 to win:



iPad3 Retina Display 32GB Wi-Fi & Cellular - Value \$729 or

iPad mini 32GB Wi-Fi & Cellular - Value \$559 or

Nook HD +32GB Wi-Fi - Value \$299

You are a winner when you support the League of Women Voters of Oregon. Raffle profits help:

Raise money for local League (if we sell the number of tickets equal to or

exceeding our membership count).

Keep State Convention costs down.

Keep Per Member Payment (PMP/dues) to LWVOR at lowest possible level.

And much, much more.

Not a techie? Any one of these "top of the line" prizes would make someone you know very happy. The drawing will be May 18 at the State Convention in North

Bend You do NOT need to be present to win.

You can buy raffle tickets at your unit, from a Board member, at Third Thursday or at the League office. Of course, we welcome any member to get a block of tickets to sell to friends and neighbors.

*Prizes will be awarded in the form of gift cards.*

Questions: call Phyllis Loobey or Janet Calvert

## UNIT 8's CHOICE REPORT – FOREST PLANNING by DIAN MISSAR

Numerous state committees are currently active in forest planning. Cottage Grove and Creswell rural residents are neighbors to public and private forest lands, so Unit 8 asked Forest Web of Cottage Grove to help explain Oregon's conflicting forest and economy concerns.

There are significant differences between public and private forest management plans. Private and state-owned timber lands are generally managed for timber production with short rotation clear-cutting, following the Oregon Forest Practices Act of 1971. Public federal forest lands (BLM and USFS) are managed to provide clean water, fish and wildlife habitat and recreation as well as selective timber production, following the O&C Act of 1937 and the Northwest Forest Practices Act of 1994.

Here is how key committees are reporting on balancing "forests or funds" choices this month:.

1. BLM [www.blm.gov.org](http://www.blm.gov.org) is drafting a new 20 year Resource Management Plan (RMP) for public comment in 2014. They manage Oregon's 2.5 million acres of "O&C" federal timber lands dedicated to fund 18 western Oregon counties, although O&C funding ceased in 2012.
2. Governor Kitzhaber (at [www.oregon.gov](http://www.oregon.gov)) reported February 6th on his "O&C Lands Panel" concerns about county revenue declines and possible revisions to federal environmental regulations to allow more timber production.
3. Oregon's US Representative Peter DeFazio's "O&C Trust, Conservation and Jobs Act of 2012" speaks

about a "trust" holding over half of O&C public forest lands for maximum sustained revenue to address county funding and to extend "Secure Rural Schools" funds that expired June, 2012.

4. Lane County Commissioners pay dues to, and participate in, a private timber lobby group "Association of O&C Counties" (AOCC), which promotes placing O&C lands into a private trust.

5. Oregon's US Senator Ron Wyden, incoming Chair of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, has written his "O&C Lands Principles", being regarded for building common ground.

Thanks to Cristina Hubbard and Moira Dewey for a thorough discussion! Forest Web of Cottage Grove

[www.forestweb-cg.org/](http://www.forestweb-cg.org/) was founded in 2007. Their primary mission is to safeguard old-growth and mature forest habitat in Oregon. Together with Oregon Wild [www.oregonwild.org](http://www.oregonwild.org), they work on public education for forest issues.





## Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Oregon State Capitol and Montag Den, Willamette University  
*Sponsored by* League of Women Voters of Oregon,  
Oregon NOW, and AAUW of Oregon

### Highlights

Legislative hearings hosted by LWV and AAUW volunteer lobbyists at 8 AM, 1 PM and/or 3 PM  
10 AM - 1 PM workshop & lunch with  
Expert speakers on Election Reforms, Public Safety, Scenic Rivers, and more

## Day at the Legislature Registration Form

Advance registration needed – return form by Wed., April 3, 2013    **SPACE IS LIMITED**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization affiliation (if member of sponsoring org): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Workshop with lunch:**

- \$21.00 member of sponsoring organization
- \$26.00 guest

**Workshop only:**

- \$12.00 member
- \$17.00 guest

**Lunch Choice:**

Box lunch features sandwich, fruit, chips, water, and cookie. Choose:  Turkey  Beef  Vegetarian

**Parking Pass:**

Send me a Capitol parking pass in advance for **\$15.50** (\$15.00 pass plus .50 postage). My check includes this fee and I have included my mailing address. (Note: parking fees have doubled in cost as of February. Meters are \$1.50/hr.)

**Hearings:**

We will give you the opportunity to sign up in advance with a host for 8 AM, 1 PM, and/or 3 PM hearings. Please make sure we have a legible email address so we can send you the sign-up form and instructions on Monday, April 8.

Make checks payable to LWVOR and return with this form to LWVOR, 1330 12th St. SE, Suite 200, Salem, OR 97302 by **April 3, 2013**.

Questions? Call 503-581-5722 or email [lwvor@lwvor.org](mailto:lwvor@lwvor.org). Register online and get map, parking info, and agenda at [www.lwvor.org](http://www.lwvor.org). Page 10

## AN OPPORTUNITY FOR SOMEONE WHO ENJOYS BOOKS

We have been doing the used book fund raiser for many years, but the time has come for us to start doing our own downsizing. We need more time to devote to that endeavor, so we are hoping someone else in our League will volunteer to take over the job. If anyone is inter-

ested, we will be available for help and advice, if needed.

We will still be accepting your book donations until the end of June, so please keep leaving them in the blue box at the office.

This month your donations brought in \$66.00 for our

League. That brings the total since July 1, 2012 to \$836.40. If you cannot get your books to the office, or if you have too many to transport there, please give us a call. We'll be happy to pick them up at your home.

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

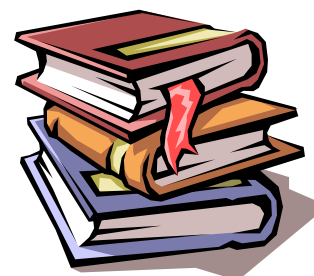


## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

The 35th Friends of Eugene Public Library book sale will be April 13 and 14 at the Lane Events Center (Fairgrounds). The hours will be 9-6 on Saturday, 9-4 on Sunday. In addition to thousands of hardcover and large paperback books for \$2 and small paperbacks for \$1,

there will be CDs, DVDs, books on tape and sheet music. All proceeds benefit programs of Eugene Public Library. Volunteers are more than welcome, either during the sale or to help set up the day before. And it's not too late to donate, either in the barrel in the Sheldon Rite-Aid

or in the garage area under the downtown library. For pickups or questions or to volunteer, contact Carol Hildebrand (541) 344-4267.



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## CALENDAR

### APRIL

- 2, 3pm, Unit Briefing
- 3, 9:30am, Action committee, page 4
- 3, Last day to register for Day at the Legislature, page 10
- 8 – 12, Units
- 10, Day at the Legislature
- 11, 10am, Mental Health Interest Group, League office
- 13 & 14, Friends of the Library Book Sale, page 11
- 18, Third Thursday
- 30, Last day to register to vote in May 21 election

### SAVE THE DATE

Annual Meeting Saturday, May 4, 9:30 am. to noon  
Eugene Garden Club  
1645 High Street, Eugene

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