

ARGUS

JANE FRANKLIN MECOM

by Miriam Aiken & Susan Tavakolian, Co-Presidents

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Jane Franklin Mecom was a special guest at the League's recent new member reception. Kay Huston, who enacted the role of Jane Franklin, brought Jane to life with her costume, manner of speech, and recollections of Bennie and her own life. A longtime League member, Kay is a retired middle school teacher of gifted and talented children and a librarian. She has made a study of Revolutionary Era women, among them Martha Washington and Abigail Adams. Kay left us with a new sense of the strength of women during that period, especially Jane Franklin.

Jane Franklin was the youngest sister of Benjamin Franklin, called Bennie by his siblings. Bennie was the tenth child and Jane was the seventeenth (yes, 17th) and last child of a Boston candle maker. A Massachusetts' Poor Law required that boys be taught to write, so Bennie went to school for two years; it was he who taught Jane to read. Jane never went to school; after she learned to read, she taught herself to write. Benjamin ran away from home at a young

age but continued to correspond with Jane. Jane married a neighbor, a saddle maker, at age 15, and she herself had 12 children, 11 of whom died before she did. She struggled all her life to provide for her siblings and children.



A favorite tidbit of Jane's life stays with me. She asked Ben for some glasses as she was having trouble reading. Ben sent her thirteen (yes, 13) pairs and told her to try them on and see which helped her most. He told her to keep two other pairs that were a bit stronger, and give the rest away. We couldn't help but be amazed at Jane's talents, her curiosity, and ingenuity for survival while working so hard in her father's can-

dle-making business. Her husband was in poor health and did not/could not help to support the family. In the 1700's, more than 30 percent of women died in childbirth before reaching the age of 30. On average, women in those days bore a child every 18 months to two years until they either died or were beyond childbearing age.

Jane and Benjamin corresponded for years and her surviving letters show that she had quite a bit of political acumen. At the end of her long life (she died at age 82), she was still an avid reader and still corresponding with Benjamin.

Kay recommends three resources for those of you who are interested in the lives of women in the 1700s and, fascinated by Jane Franklin in particular. One is *Book of Ages: The Life and Opinions of Jane Franklin*, by Jill Lepore; another is *Founding Mothers* by Cokie Roberts; and *Letters of Benjamin Franklin and Jane Mecom*, edited by Carl Van Doren.

(See more about the new member reception on page 3.)

No Third Thursday in December

In January, our speaker will be **Dean Foor** of *Essential Consulting Oregon*. His subject will be the production of methane

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UNITS - Charlcie Kaylor, Chair

Monday, December 9

10 am - S Willamette
90 Westbrook Way
(Block beyond 46th)
Salad Lunch
H: Barbara Greenley 684-9127
C: Anne Best 343-5124

2 pm - Harlow Road
394 Cherry Drive
H: Barbara French 485-9090
C: Mary Keating 344-4889

Tuesday, December 10

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

ALL WEEK - On line

In pajamas - at midnight?
Contact Charlcie 541-686-0124
charlcie@efn.org

Wednesday, December 11

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

2 pm - Cottage Grove/Creswell
Cottage Grove LCC Branch
H: Gayle Downing 942-1858
C: Dian Missar 942-7676

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

Friday, December 13

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

Unit Briefing
Tuesday, December 3
Atrium - Sloat Room
10th & Olive Eugene
3:00 pm
All are welcome

**DECEMBER UNIT TOPIC
LAND USE PLANNING AND AGRICULTURE
IN OREGON - NANCIE FADELEY TO SPEAK
AT BRIEFING BY PAT HOCKEN**

Please join us at Unit Briefing. Nancie is uniquely qualified to share her perspective on Oregon's land use laws and their impact on agriculture because of her efforts as a member of the Oregon House of Representatives to pass the landmark legislation. She has more recently served

on the board of 1000 Friends of Oregon, an organization committed to ensuring sound land use planning throughout the state. Nancie was local League co-president in 2005-2007. Did you know that she is also the person who obtains the wonderful speakers for the Third Thursday programs?

Enclosed with this Argus is the Everymember material for December unit discussions. Titled Land Use Planning and Agriculture in Oregon, it provides a brief overview of the history of Oregon's land use laws and current issues related to agriculture.

REPORT FROM MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Anne Best & Kathy Merwin-Gonzalez

The Meet and Greet was held November 9 at Tsunami Books. Members gathered to greet new members. Refreshments were served and then the group settled down for a fascinating impersonation of Benjamin's youngest sister, Jane Franklin Mecom, by Kay Huston. Kay dressed as Jane would have and masterfully assumed her role telling the story of Jane's life as one of 17 children and a member of the "meaner" class. It was a sad and difficult life illustrating the plight of poor women in early America. The family were candle makers and the children worked from a very early age. "Jane" described one job as going to the stockyard to retrieve blood and fat for the candles. Another was sitting all day next to a boiling vat of wax and dipping, dipping, dipping one

candle after another. As a result of their trade all of the family smelled and were shunned.

Of the 17 children Benjamin and his sister were the only two who learned to read and had any intellectual curiosity. Benjamin, seeing a spark in his youngest sister, taught Jane to read and in her later years, after her parents and husband died, bought her a house and provided an income that allowed her to survive without hardship.

At the end of her performance, Kay took questions, maintaining her role as Jane. One member asked if genes had something to do with the frailty and poor health of almost all of her children. Kay as Jane responded that she did not know the word "genes"!

The Membership Committee and the League welcomes 20 new members:

Joan Claffey
Diane Conrad
George Clarke
Joann Ernst
Martha Evans
Linda Ferdowsian
Fred Ferdowsian
Preston French
Karol Gottfredson
Tom Griggs
Judith Leahy
Joe Leahy
Mary Meacham
Nancy Meyer
Keli Osborne
Susan Reynolds
Ann Rollins
Sheila Sundahl
Celine Swenson-Harris
Richard Van Tilburg

MENTAL HEALTH STUDY GROUP

Florence Alvergue

The Mental Health Study Group met Nov. 14th. **Susan Ban**, executive director of Shelter Care, spoke about the many programs that are offered. Its three primary programs are Emergency Services for homeless families with children, Mental Health Services for individuals with severe psychiatric disabilities, and Brain Injury Services all of which support skills training focused on recovery and independent living.

Transitional Housing Services provide ongoing staff support after families leave

shelter and/or reestablish housing in the community. A Homeless Prevention Program provides financial assistance with one-on-one support and training to keep families from losing their housing. There are Crisis Management and Intensive Care programs providing services to homeless individuals who have a severe and persistent mental illness. Susan Ban offers great praise for the many peer volunteers who work in these programs. There is such a tremendous need for housing and support services for survivors of ac-

quired brain injury, many of whom have suffered long-time trauma and abuse.

In answer to the question of what Shelter Care needs besides financial contributions, Susan mentioned new or little used housekeeping articles such as linens, cleaning supplies, pots and pans, etc. are among in-kind donations that are welcomed.

The address is 499 W. 4th Ave. Eugene, 97401
Phone: 541-686-1262.

Next Meeting
December 12,
10 a.m.
175 S. Garden Way
LWVLC's positions on
mental health

LOCAL ACTION - Pat Hocken, Action Co-chair

Envision Eugene

The League submitted testimony to the Eugene Planning Commission and the Lane County Planning Commission in support of redesignating/rezoning land for housing. This testimony appears on page 8 of this Argus.

As you will recall from my previous reports, Envision Eugene is the long-range planning process the city is performing to comply with Oregon's land use planning laws. The purpose is to determine the amount of land expected to be needed over the next 20 years to accommodate residential, commercial, and industrial uses. If there is not sufficient land within Eugene's current urban growth boundary (UGB) for future requirements, the City must identify areas in which the UGB can be expanded. The city's philosophy, which is supported by League positions, is to minimize the expansion in order to preserve land for non-urban uses such as agriculture and forestry.

(In case you wonder why the Lane County Planning Commission was involved, some of the parcels proposed for redesignation for single family housing are within the city's current UGB but have not yet been annexed to the city. Thus Lane County and the city must work jointly on planning for these areas.)

There is a possibility that the League may submit additional testimony about the proposal to redesignate/rezone Naval Reserve site for multiple family housing. The planning

commission has left the record open until December 13 for additional public comment because folks in the area may not have had enough opportunity to comment on the proposal. There will be an additional public meeting to allow nearby property owners and residents to learn about the proposal and ask questions.

Regional Solutions

On December 18 at 7 am there will be a public meeting in Eugene for local residents to learn more about Oregon's Regional Solutions initiative to better align state economic and community development programs to support local priorities. At this "regional roundtable" citizens will also have the opportunity to provide input on a proposed implementation plan that will be considered by the 2014 legislature. The meeting will be held at Lane Community College, Center for Meeting and Learning. Free parking is available in the college parking lot.

This effort to match state investments with the unique needs and goals of local communities began in 2011 with the establishment of 11 Regional Solutions Advisory Committee and six Regional Solutions Centers that bring together multiple state agencies, non-profits, businesses and citizens to foster collaboration and empower local decisions.

Lane County is in the South Valley region with Benton, Linn, and Lincoln counties. The Regional Advisory Committee for this region

has 12 members, including Eugene Mayor Kitty Piercy; Lane County Commissioner Faye Stewart; Oregon State Senator Lee Beyer; and representatives of the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Linn-Benton Community College, business, non-profits, the City of Corvallis, and the Port of Newport. The eight local priorities identified by the South Valley Regional Advisory Committee are: rapid rail selection, assessing Goshen industrial site opportunity, increase number of certified industrial sites, responsiveness team for "Time to Market" (TTM) initiative, Southern Willamette Research Corridor, access to capital strategy, promote regional workforce readiness, and wetlands permit streamlining. (Don't ask me to explain these priorities at this time - more to learn.)

The six regional solutions centers, including the one located in Eugene, are places for state agencies to collaborate with each other, local governments, and with other interests to solve problems and seize opportunities. The primary five state agencies involved are the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Lane Conservation and Development, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Housing and Community Services, and the Business Development Department.

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Next Meeting

**December 4,
9:30 a.m.**

175 S. Garden Way

Any League member is welcome to attend.

Contact Pat Hocken for directions.

Save the date:

LWVOR Legislative Day

February 10, 9:30

State Library

(across street from Capitol)

ACTION - State of the State by Kappy Eaton, Action Co-chair

Fiscal Policy Restructuring the State Budget Process

Restructuring the State Budget Process The 2013 Legislature established an interim task force on the state budget process in SB 552, charged with reviewing all of the budget process statutes, deciding which laws should be repealed, kept, modified or newly written, and reporting draft recommendations to the Legislature by November 15. The recommendations are to be in a comprehensive package of statutory changes to modernize the development of the state budget and help align the process with the outcomes recommended and adopted by the Legislative Assembly.

The committee met November 12, decided to meet in January 2014 and will ask the February 2014 annual session for an extension of time to complete its review and recommendations. There is disagreement within the committee regarding a number of laws, and the committee was not given any resources to involve research. In other words, stay tuned.

December Economic and Revenue Forecast

The State Economist stated "It's as good as it gets" in explaining Oregon's economic status and revenue outlook before the Interim Senate and House Revenue Committees November 21. The economic indicators are moving in the right direction, with unemployment down,

business balance sheets up, personal income tax receipts up, and economic improvement across the state, both urban and rural. The state is not back to historic growth rates, but 10% is the long-term projection. Oregon's demographics indicate a shrinking workforce that will influence future growth. Legislators were visibly shaken when the economist said that revenue increases moved the personal income tax revenue to about 50% before the kicker would kick, although he expressed doubts that would happen.

Local Property Tax Problems

A panel of county assessors from Deschutes, Clackamas and Lane presented graphic information about the continuing impacts of Measure 5 (1990) on local property tax revenues and home owners to the Senate Revenue committee November 21. Because of the constitutional limits on the total percent of property taxes that can be levied by all facets of local governments and the requirements between real market value and maximum assessed value of homes, inequality between home owners with property of substantially the same value has risen dramatically in many counties. It also has affected the outcomes of local elections for schools, public safety, and library and park districts because the compression factor lessens the amount that can actu-

ally be distributed. This problem is raised at each legislative session, as the revenue situation for counties worsens. Whether the decision-makers will have the fortitude to pass a referral measure to voters is questionable even though the issues are significant.

Special Session Fixes

Both the House and Senate Interim Revenue committees heard testimony November 20 and 21 on issues related to tax changes enacted during the fall Special Session. Of particular concern were implementation of the cigarette tax increase and the small business tax cuts. During the debate on the Grand Bargain, part of the discussion included the promise that the 2014 session would review changes.

Clean Air Fee

A report on the implementation of SB 306 was presented to the House Revenue committee on November 20 by the Northwest Energy Research Center (NERC), located at Portland State University. The legislation calls for a technical review and a possible plan for implementation of a clean air fee related to carbon emissions. The final plan draft from NERC is due December 15.

SOCIAL POLICY

Cover Oregon

Cover Oregon's Executive Director Rocky King was on the proverbial "hot seat" November 21 when members of the Joint Committee on Audits,

Information Management and Technology held a public hearing regarding the problems of implementing the health care application process in Oregon. Scheduled to open October 1, the system is operating with hand written applications because the online technology is not working. His explanation for the delay is the lack of testing which did not take place during June, July and August as expected. His new online date is December 15. The committee was not harsh but remained concerned and skeptical.

Higher Education

The Senate Interim Education and Workforce Development committee discussed community college concepts and the proposed Oregon Opportunities Initiative (OOI) at an informational hearing November 21. State Treasurer Ted Wheeler explained the purpose and importance of the OOI which will be on the November 2014 General Election ballot. It would provide access and affordability to post-secondary students through a focus on low-income persons and permanent funding. He pointed out that by 2020, 70% of Oregon jobs will require some higher education and, that currently newer jobs that pay higher wages also want more educated personnel.

The members of the Boards of Directors for the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, and Portland State University were approved November 20 by the Senate Rules committee

LEAGUE ACTION - THE BACK STORY

by Sue Boyd

In this month's report on local League action Pat Hocken focuses on our testimony to the Eugene and Lane County planning commissions about proposed Envision Eugene redesignations. The thrust of our comments was recommended by the Action committee and approved by the League board, and you can read about it in her excellent article (Page 4). What you might not know and appreciate is the back story on how we got to that point - how we did our homework. Issues may vary, but the process is always much the same.

In spring, 2011, the League testified on a draft of the Envision Eugene Plan. The Action committee met later that year with Eugene planning staffer Heather O'Donnell to discuss the proposal in general and housing needs specifically. In May, 2012, we sat down with Mia Nelson, a local staff member for 1000 Friends of Oregon, to talk about Envision Eugene as well as some other issues. We testified that month about our support for aspects of the Envision Eugene proposal then before the Eugene City Council. We had a second meeting with Heather in September of this year, and in October Pat Hocken, Pat McDaniels, and Eleanor Mulder again met with Mia.

This, of course doesn't include Pat Hocken's emails to Heather with questions about process and details of the plan, reading lots of city documents online and attending various city meetings. Her hours of study led to discussions at Action

meetings as the committee sought to become familiar with how the proposals would affect our community.

When the public hearing was set for November, it was time to draft a statement. In this case, the board had already approved the direction of the action because the testimony needed to be submitted before the next board meeting.

Whenever the Action committee is considering any form of lobbying, the first question is always, "Do we have a position on that?" If we do not have member study and agreement on the topic, there is no basis for League action. In this case, when Pat brought the committee's recommendation to the board for approval, she cited our local consensus positions on Housing and also Sustainable Metropolitan Management.

You may not know that it is usually a member of the Action committee who writes the statements to various governmental groups as well as the newspaper letters to the editor and op edit columns. They generally appear over the signature of the (co-presidents), as our bylaws require, but putting them together is a cooperative process. The first draft of the proposed testimony is circulated among members of the committee by email. It is not just the substance of the draft that draws comments. It turns out that League members, at least those on the Action committee, have strong opin-

ions about punctuation, parts of speech and nuances of wording. Once we were all agreed, the statement was emailed to the governmental groups involved.

The Action committee also deals with state issues as well as local and is always looking for new members. The group, which meets once a month, is a loose assemblage of people with varying interests and backgrounds. Eleanor, for example, has followed planning activities since her days as a League observer for the Eugene Planning Commission, a group to which she was eventually appointed. Usually the president or, as currently, at least one of the co-presidents is there. Other members, primarily interested in being better informed, might come for the discussion and occasional speakers, depending on what's happening around the state and county. What they have in common is the wish to help make a difference in the community through the League's advocacy agenda. There is a brief listing of local, state and national positions in our directory, but for the complete text check out our web page under *Advocacy Positions*.

League action often depends on who is willing to do the work. If you have a special interest and would like to see the League do something about it, consider coming to an Action meeting. Come just to check it out. You will be most welcome

LWVLC TESTIMONY TO EUGENE & LANE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSIONS

Eugene Planning Commission Lane County Planning Commission

The League of Women Voters of Lane County believes that the proposals before you to redesignate and/or rezone parcels for specific housing purposes are appropriate strategies to meet the requirements of Oregon Statewide Planning Goals No. 10 and No. 14. Goal No. 10 requires planning to provide for the housing needs for all citizens, and Goal No. 14 requires planning to establish and maintain an urban growth boundary that accommodates urban population and makes efficient use of land. In addition, the proposals support two pillars of the Envision Eugene community vision approved by the City Council in 2012 to guide Eugene's long range plan, specifically to provide housing that is affordable to all income levels and to promote compact urban development and efficient transportation options.

For two sites we also have further comments. With regard to the Naval Reserve site, we support

changing the Metro Plan designation from Parks and Open Space to Medium Density Residential and changing the zoning from PL Public Land to R-2 Medium Density Residential. This site seems to the League an ideal location for multi-family housing and for inclusion in the city's land bank program for affordable housing. The parcel is located on a bus line, and near the Fern Ridge bike path. It is a block from an elementary school, a few blocks from a grocery store, restaurants, and other retail businesses, across the street from existing multi-family residences, and near three churches. The city has previously contributed land to assist with the development of small, well-built and well-managed affordable housing projects scattered throughout the community, and this site provides another opportunity to do so.

With regard to the Irving Road/Eagles property, the League supports changing the Metro Plan designation from Parks and Open Space to Low Density Residential and retaining the

zoning as R-1 Low Density Residential. This parcel is surrounded on three sides by single family homes and near an elementary school. It is near the signalized intersection of the Northwest Expressway and Irving Road and close to the anticipated employment opportunities at the new state hospital north of Eugene. The parcel has sufficient open space for the city to create a new neighborhood park.

In conclusion we urge the Eugene Planning Commission and Lane County Planning Commission to recommend adoption of these proposals by the appropriate jurisdictions, the Eugene City Council and Lane County Board of Commissioners, respectively. The proposals are consistent with Statewide Planning Goals and city council direction, promote orderly urban development with an adequate supply of land for residential housing, and help to limit further urbanization of resource lands.

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City of Eugene Budget

The League continues to follow the City of Eugene budget conversations. It is anticipated that in December the Budget Committee will identify some preferred strategies to reduce costs or increase revenues in the 2014-15

general fund budget. The public will be asked to comment on these strategies at a public hearing in January, and I expect the League will testify at that time.

The formal process for budget adoption will begin in the spring when the City Manager submits a draft

budget that will be discussed and potentially amended by the Budget Committee before the committee sends its recommended budget to the City Council for final adoption in June.

REMEMBERING ELEANOR - Diana Grandberry

Eleanor Payne 1919-2013

Eleanor Payne, an exceptional and quiet woman, became dear to me starting with our unit meetings a few years ago. She seldom spoke but then came alive when joining Stephanie Winsor, Phyllis Loobey, and me for monthly lunches over several years. One time she talked about her past experiences in depth at a lunch with just us two while I listened. During our lunches, in her gentle voice and with a twinkle in her eyes, she expounded on a variety of subjects from her years at the U of O to the history of one of our presidents while her lunch was only dessert.

As Stephanie said, *"Eleanor would sometimes arrive a bit late (to lunch group), so would only have dessert. I later surmised that this might be a deliberate ploy on her part. How she enjoyed her desserts! Eleanor would listen and smile and occasionally interject a comment, but when the conversations veered to anthropology and geology (stones and bones) she immediately became our vocal expert. I remember learning a lot about salt and cod fish from her."*

Her daughter told me of taking Eleanor out to eat at a food cart as her terminal cancer progressed. She continued to enjoy rides in her beloved Oregon with her children this last year. As expected, she was deeply loved by them. Who would not love such a lovely lady?

Although she knew she could not attend unit meetings or our lunch group, she still paid her League dues as she had for 25 years. I loved sitting with her on the side listening to speakers at the Third Thursday luncheons. She always wanted to learn, reading books on a variety of topics, talking of her liberal beliefs, and asking perceptive questions with her ever present smile.

Our Eleanor was a lady of style, such elegance, with her flair for fine clothes. She always looked impeccable whether going to pick up the mail or meet people for dinner. Phyllis so aptly put it, *"She must have taught Katharine Hepburn how to tie a scarf."* She is missed greatly. Here is to Eleanor and desserts.

The memorial service for Eleanor, will be December 7 at 11 am St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1300 Pearl Street, Eugene. The family suggests a contribution to the League of Women Voters would make her very happy



IN MEMORIAM Cleo Burtner 1924 - 2013

Cleo Burtner moved to Eugene in 1948 when her husband was appointed to start a new Methodist Church in the River Road area. She joined the League of Women Voters in Eugene in the 1950's and became a life member in 2008. She also lived in Salem, Portland, and Corvallis. A memorial service will beheld at First United Methodist Church in Corvallis on January 16 at a.m. The family suggests donations to the charity of your choice.

FUND RAISING by Janet Calvert, Finance Chair

AN OPPORTUNITY

Make a donation from your IRA in 2013 to the League of Women Voters. The American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 reinstated the "IRA charitable rollover" through the end of 2013. The law allows individuals 70 1/2 and older to give up to \$100,000 from their individual retirement accounts (IRAs) and Roth IRAs to qualified charitable organizations such as the League of Women Voters Education Fund without having to treat the withdrawals as taxable income.

The transfer, if done properly, counts towards the taxpayer's required minimum distribution for the year, and can be of particular value to individuals who do not claim itemized deductions on their tax return because the funds are transferred directly to nonprofits from IRA accounts and are never counted as income.

Every donor's circumstances are different, so please consult with your tax advisor to see if an IRA rollover is right for you. Funds could be do-

nated to the Education Fund of the League of Women Voters of Oregon and designated for Lane County League. You could also donate to the Education Fund of the League of Women Voters of the United States.

For information about a donation for the LWVOR Education Fund, contact Mike Taylor, LWVOR Treasurer at 503-344-4165 or m.taylor@lowvor.org or Aimee Olivo in the LWVUS Development office at 202-263-1355 or aolivo@lww.org.

Fruit To Arrive Second Week In December

Soon you will be getting an email or phone call announcing exactly when and where you can pick up the boxes of fruit you purchased. Thank you for selling and buying fruit this year. Each purchase will help support League activities and provide nutritious holiday treats.

This year, letters and order forms were sent to community members who purchased fruit last year. Many responded quickly and were among the very first orders we received. The opportunity to purchase fruit for FOOD for Lane County and support the League was again a popular option.

The Fruit Loop Committee thanks you for your willingness to sell fruit to support the League and have a good time doing it. Fran Boehner, Merle Bottge, Mary Keating, Marj Maxwell, Sally Mills, Sharon Posner, Linda Roe, Barbara French and Phyllis Loobey.

Please give this to a friend



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

Mail the form and check payable to LWVLC to:
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League of Women Voters Lane County

Membership Form

- Individual \$65
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CALENDAR

DECEMBER

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12th 10am, Mental Health Study Group - page 3
No Third Thursday in December

FEBRUARY

10th 9:30 Day at the Legislature

**The League office is open
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
11 am to 1:30 pm
However, the office will be closed from
Monday, December 23 through Friday,
January 3 because of the holidays.**

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*The League of Women Voters, a
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works to increase understanding of
major public policy issues, and
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