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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF UMPQUA VALLEY

April 2007

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Annual Membership Meeting

April 24th, 2007

Linus Oakes Retirement Center,

2665 Van Pelt, Roseburg

6pm Dinner

6:30pm Speaker: Fred Alley*

7pm Annual Meeting



Bring your silent auction items with you to benefit the League. You will be called regarding your meal selections and details.

*Fred Alley, Department Director of Community Development for the City of Roseburg will speak about sustainable community issues.

Take Action

ACTION ALERT: House to Vote on DC Voting Rights!

The full House of Representatives is set to vote on the District of Columbia Voting Rights Act the week of March 19. Please contact your Members of Congress immediately and urge them to vote for the legislation to provide a vote in the House for the citizens of our nation's capital.

The Committee on Oversight and Government Reform and the Committee on the Judiciary both approved the DC Voting Rights Act the week of March 12, clearing the way for historic action in the full House of Representatives. Passage of this legislation will be another step in the long struggle for full voting rights for every citizen in our nation.

Keep the momentum going! Please contact your Representative now and urge her or him to vote for the DC Voting Rights Act of 2007.

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Hello League Members and Friends,

Several years ago the board of directors directed me to attend Coalition of Women's Service Organizations' meetings which I have for the most part. This year was our League's first participation in the Spring Fair and also our first event partnered with the Coalition. Thank you, Volunteers, for "womaning" the booth at the Spring Fair.



This is the last month you can buy a raffle ticket! If we sell as many tickets as we have members (57, not counting national members), our League will make \$1 for each ticket sold. For every ticket we sell over the number of members we will gain \$2 per ticket sale. Please buy tickets! And you might also purchase the grand prize, a trip to Maui or San Diego, your choice. Also, a little known fact: If you do not want the person's name to be included on the state League's direct mail list, mark the "Gift" box on the ticket.

This is our annual meeting month, April 24th at Linus Oakes Retirement Center, 2665 Van Pelt, Roseburg. Members, please bring with you your annual meeting program you've received in the mail by now. Join us at this informative meeting that will sum up the year's events and accomplishments. Also we'll vote for a new slate of officers for 2007-2009. Fred Alley, City of Roseburg Community Development Director will speak to us after dinner is served at 6 PM. One of our volunteers will call you so that you can reserve a meal prior to the meeting to be served by Linus Oakes Retirement Center. Friends are welcome.

The City of Roseburg is asking for more and more League participation. If you would like to do a little towards a being a bridge between the League and the City, please let us know. Sharon Lee Schwartz, new mother and LWVUV Chair of Sustainable Communities, is in need of assistance with the Transportation Plan and other city issues. This volunteer job can be tailored to suite your needs.

Thank you for your support and incredible caring of the people and world around you,

Robin Wisdom
LWVUV President
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MISSION

The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a grassroots, nonpartisan political organization that encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government in order to build better communities statewide.

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Citizens of the District of Columbia pay U.S. taxes, fight and die for the U.S. during wartime, and are governed by the laws that Congress passes. And yet they have no voting representation in Congress. They have only a non-voting delegate in the House of Representatives.

The "District of Columbia House Voting Rights Act," sponsored by Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D DC) and Representative Tom Davis (R VA), would right this wrong. The legislation provides voting representation in the House for DC citizens by increasing the size of the House by two seats – one for DC and the other for the state of Utah, which is entitled to the next seat by size of population. This balanced approach provides voting rights for District citizens without upsetting the partisan balance of the House.

Americans living in the nation's capital deserve to have voting representation in the body that makes their laws, taxes them and can call them to war. Only Congress can ensure that the democracy Americans have espoused and fought for across the globe becomes a reality in the nation's capital.

Take action today to support DC voting rights!

A basic principle of democracy is at stake. Your Representative needs to hear from you today! Please urge your Representative to support the DC Voting Rights Act.

TAKE ACTION

1. Contact your Representative now, by phone and by email, and urge her/him to vote for the bipartisan DC Voting Rights Act. Tell your Representative that the legislation is an important step in the long struggle for full voting rights for every citizen in our nation.

Phone calls are helpful and can be made through the Capitol Hill switchboard at 202-224-3121 or 202-225-3121. [Click here to enter your zip code and send an instant message to your Representative now!](#)

2. Send this alert to other concerned citizens — your grassroots network, your friends and coworkers. Encourage them to contact their Representative today!

[Click here for more information about DC voting rights.](#)

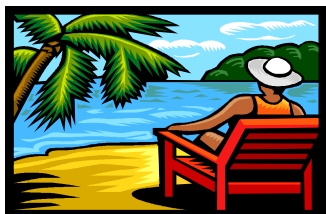
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ActionAlert#1102,DC Rights,House,GLC,3/16/07



Raffle Tickets for a Trip to Maui or San Diego for Two

are for sale by League Members through the end of April only. Please arrange to buy at least one (\$10). They make great gifts. There are only 2000 tickets for sale in the state



of Oregon. Sales benefit your League also! And there's a prize for the person who sells the most tickets in the state.

If you would like to track bills, committees and hearings of the Oregon Legislature try these links:
<http://www.leg.state.or.us/listn/listenset.htm>
<http://www.oregonchannel.org/>
[*http://www.lwvor.org/documents/ActionBillMatrix.htm](http://www.lwvor.org/documents/ActionBillMatrix.htm)
*new legislative bill matrix on lwvor website.

LWWUV Garage Sale: Fun and Funds

What: League Garage Sale

When: Saturday April 14

Where: Faith Lutheran Church, Kenwood St. off Harvard Ave.



On Saturday April 14 we will hold our major fundraiser of the year. In the past, our garage sales have provided us with \$300-500+ of very needed funds for community action, education, and delegate travel. This year we had the unexpected expense of the cost of our appeal of the Roseburg Transportation plan. We need your help to make the garage sale a success.

What can you do? 1) Donate items to the sale. Either bring them to the church or call Kathy (672-7195) or Robin () for pickup. 2) Volunteer to help out with the sale. Helping with the sale is a great way to get to know your fellow League members in a relaxed setting. Below is the work schedule. Please sign up by contacting Kathy Vejtasa at vejtasa@jeffnet.org.

Friday April 13 Setup

1:00 -3:30

3:30-6:00

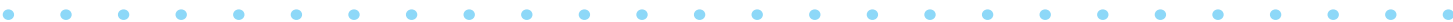
Saturday, April 14 Sale Day

7:45-10:00

10:00 -12:00

12:00-2:30

We especially need volunteers for the 7:45 to 10:00 shift.



Sharon Lee Schwartz and baby Samuel, 6 weeks old, at the Judiciary Study meeting on 3/27/07



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Oregon Judiciary Consensus Meeting

Presenter Betty Mack and Recorder Jim Williams

Eleven members and one visitor met at Linus Oakes on March 27 to review Parts I and II of the study material and to frame the LWVUV response to the consensus questions prepared by the state committee. Jim Williams, who acted as recorder for the meeting, and I will be putting together what we heard from those present.

Since many of the members only received the everymember material on the day before the meeting and may not have had a chance to study it, this may have made you hesitate to attend the meeting. We all decided you should have another chance to take part. Robin will be circulating our results together with another copy of the consensus questions by email. Members should receive this within the week. If you would like to take part, please add any comments you have and return them to me (mack@rosenet.net).

Thanks to all who attended. Each of those present participated with great interest and energy (very noisy bunch).



The Spring Fair

Robin Wisdom, League Representative,
Coalition of Women's Service Organizations

The six organizations that participated at the Spring Fair this year under the umbrella of the Women's Coalition of Service Organizations were the League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley, Association of University Women, Altrusa, Delta Kappa Gamma, Business and Professional Women, and Newcomers & Friends.

Each group passed around a sign up sheet within their organization. Members signed up for two-hour slots to work at the booth that was donated by the Spring Fair organizer, Louie Montano of the Inner Space Family. Louie and his family have orchestrated this event for 32 years. This one was the best yet.

There were over 130 booths this year all contained within Douglas Hall at the Fairgrounds.

Entertainment was nearly non-stop. The stage is brightly decorated and musicians, scottish and bellydancers, and "trees" are cruising floor. A great highlight were four or five tall "trees" that had been sewn together and had branches sticking out. A person was inside each tree and walked around with the tree costume on. They were very cute.



Robin Wisdom, LWV, Ernie Schnuelle, AAUW
Kathy Thompson, BPW

Participating in this event inspired us. Each group garnered names of people wanting more information on their sign-up sheets. Booth volunteers spent time together so we learned about each other a bit more. Participation in this event has strengthened the Coalition. We noticed how our goals are very similar. This event may have given the Coalition a life in ways. We saw how we can cooperate together, get our messages out to the public, and have fun all at the same time. What more can you ask for for a first time event?



LWVOR's Raffle 2007's prizes have been unveiled! This year the Raffle winner will be able to choose between two prizes. And they are ~

A Trip to Maui for Two, which includes airfare for 2 from Portland to Maui including taxes, 7 nights at the Shores of Maui Resort, including taxes, 8 days car rental with unlimited mileage, driver pays gas. Must take trip by 5/19/08.

A Trip to San Diego for Two, which includes airfare for 2 from Portland to San Diego including taxes, 7 nights at the Dana on Mission Bay, 8 days car rental with unlimited mileage, driver pays gas, 3 in 1 pass for 2 to Sea World, Zoo, Wild Animal Park. Must take trip by 5/19/08.

Tickets cost \$10 each. Only 2000 tickets will be available. The tickets have been mailed to your local League presidents. (LWVOR board members and employees and their household members are not eligible, but they can buy tickets for non-household members and friends.) The Raffle drawing will be held at the LWVOR May 2007 Convention at Edgefield, but one does not need to be present to win.

For every ticket sold over the number of members in your League, your League will be reimbursed \$2. Please buy tickets! They will make a nice gift, and for someone a great vacation.

☆ Robin Wisdom, Raffle Chair,
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Announcing . . .



You 2 Can Win!

We thank you for your efforts in selling tickets that will benefit us in many ways:

- * First, we *save money* for state-level Action & Program,
- * Second, we *cut costs* for convention registration & other fees, and
- * Third, we *make money* for our own local Leagues.

Now You, too, can win something! Even though you may not be eligible to win the Grand Prize (because you are currently a LWVOR board member or family member of someone on the board), **by selling the greatest number of tickets, You can win something valuable also.**

Each League will let us know who sells the most tickets when reporting back on the raffle log sheets. Tracking will be easy with the raffle log sheets that will be included in the ticket packet being sent out to League Presidents and Representatives.

The winner will receive a valuable award to be revealed at the May 07 Convention. (The winner need not be present.)

REDISTRICTING CONCURRENCE STATEMENT BY THE STATE LEAGUE

Anna Willman

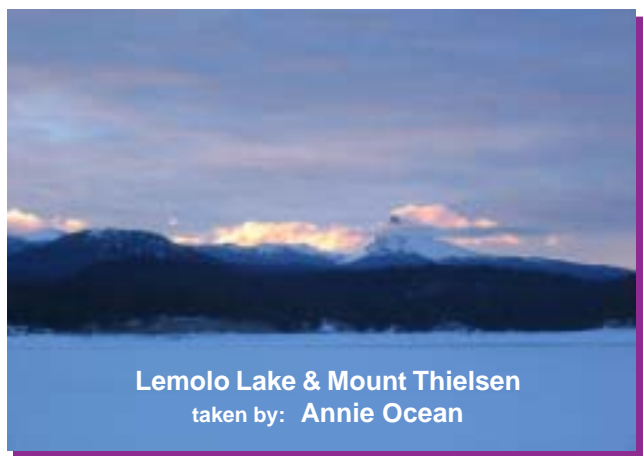
Congressional and legislative redistricting should advance the fundamental purposes of representative democracy and a republican form of government by affording the people a meaningful choice in electing their representatives and holding the government accountable to the people.

The League of Women Voters of Oregon believes that the Oregon legislative and congressional redistricting system should be efficient, adequately funded, based on well-defined criteria, subject to a reasonable and effective timetable, and have an open and public process.

- A. Any redistricting plan should assure that voters are effectively able to hold their public officials accountable, responsible, and responsive, and be based on the following criteria:
 - Adhere to all federal constitutional and legal requirements such as that every district should have equal population, be contiguous, and meet the requirements of the Voting Rights Act;
 - Promote competitiveness and partisan fairness;
 - Consider other criteria, such as respect for political subdivisions, communities of interest, and geographic barriers.
- B. Any redistricting plan should be developed independently of the Legislature in a nonpartisan manner with substantial public input. The Legislature may be afforded an opportunity to review the plan and accept or reject it.
- C. The Oregon Supreme Court should promptly review and rule on any challenge to a redistricting plan and require adjustments if the criteria have not been met.
- D. Oregon should conduct redistricting only once during each decade following the federal census.



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April Calendar 2007

Board of Director's Meeting
April 12th - at 5:00pm
Umpqua Community Development Corp.
605 SE Kane Street, Roseburg
ALL MEMBERS WELCOME!

Garage Sale
April 13 -14
Faith Lutheran Church
Kenwood St. off Harvard Ave.

Earth Day/Energy Fair
Fairgrounds
April 21st

A Day at the Legislature
LWVOR Action Committee
April 19th

Annual Membership Meeting
April 24th
Linus Oakes Retirement Center
2665 Van Pelt, Roseburg
Dinner at 6pm
Silent Auction