

# LWV Clackson Voter



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

SEPTEMBER 2024



## Fall Kickoff Program: **Tuesday, October 1** “Preparing Next Gen Voters”



Oregon’s youth want to understand how our government functions, how to engage respectfully with differing viewpoints, and how to advocate with clarity. Civics Learning Project engages teachers and students through programs including Mock Trial, We the People, Community Action Projects, Courthouse Experience Tours, as well as a variety of other classroom curriculum. Through these programs,

students acquire the skills and disposition to effectively lead and participate in their communities and our shared democracy.

Abby Laufman and Chris Hughes will present recent updates in CLP’s educational programs, their impact on students and teachers, and their influence on civic engagement in Oregon. Bring your friends and questions for lively Q&A!

**Doors Open at 5:30 pm**

**RSVP for \$20 Member and Guest Dinner at 6:00 pm**

**Speakers at 7:00 pm**

**Oswego Pointe Clubhouse, 5065 Foothills Drive, Lake Oswego**

**RSVP by September 27** to [socials@lwvclackamas.org](mailto:socials@lwvclackamas.org) or call Betty Janes at 970-560-2364.

*Need a Ride? Transportation to carpool has been offered by your League neighbors! Call Diana DeMaria at 503-319-8601 to arrange.*

## WELCOME OUR NEW LEAGUE MEMBERS!

A HUGE WELCOME to new League members Kyra Aguon, Jeanne Magmer and Kim Dowsett, and Cara Hallock whose contact info can be found in the Members Only section of our website. If you need help to access the Members resources, please email [membership@lwvclackamas.org](mailto:membership@lwvclackamas.org) or call 503-319-8601.

## You're Invited! to the **Fall League Zoom at 7pm on Tuesday, September 10** by Diana DeMaria, [membership@lwvclackamas.org](mailto:membership@lwvclackamas.org)

**RSVP** with a text to 503-319-8601 or email [membership@lwvclackamas.org](mailto:membership@lwvclackamas.org) to receive the Zoom link. New members will receive a zoom link one week before and we look forward to seeing you in the room! Drop in to hear the latest in League, meet other members and learn about Voter Service opportunities with Voters Guides, Voter Registration, Unit Meetings and more.

### **“Assessing the Recall Process in Oregon” A New State Study This Fall**



The League of Women Voters of Oregon (LWVOR) conducts voter education and pro-democracy advocacy, and believes it is critical to understand the potential consequences of the recall process as part of our elections framework. Considering the growing use of the recall, it is time to revisit this election issue. The state League study committee has published the study and written the questions we will discuss and answer as a group at local League (unit) meetings across our county.

We are scheduling our unit meetings for this fall to coordinate with other Oregon Leagues who will be addressing these same questions. Watch future communications for details of times and places where you can most conveniently participate. LWVOR will be publishing the study, so we'll be asking you if you will likely be participating (and we hope you can!).

### **Taking a Stand: Advocating for Rank Choice Voting: Measure 117**

Our state League is advocating in favor of Measure 117, and our **Clackamas County League** has joined other local Leagues to sign on as well. Measure 117, referred to the voters by our legislature, establishes ranked-choice voting (RCV) for elections to federal and state offices. The ballot measure would not affect state legislative elections, which would continue to use plurality voting.

The law would also authorize local governments and local districts to use ranked-choice voting for local elections unless home rule charters preempt it. The law would also require the Secretary of State to establish a program to educate voters about ranked-choice voting. The law would take effect on January 1, 2028, if it is approved by voters. Three local jurisdictions, Benton County, Multnomah County, and Portland—have adopted ranked-choice voting.

## Clackamas County Corner

Sign up online for [Track Your Ballot](#) and trust your votes count with simple and secure mailed ballot tracking! Know where your ballot is in the voting process after you choose alerts via text, phone or email - from mailed to accepted. Your vote remains anonymous and confidential.



Our Clackamas County elections employees certainly stay busy, and have been awarded professional certification by the Oregon Association of County Clerks (OACC), established in 1991 to encourage county clerks and recording and election officials to continue their career education and professional growth. Certifications are awarded once a year, with six of the thirteen certifications in the state going to Clackamas County in 2024. Employees receiving certification include:

- Mea Anders, Certified Elections Administrator (CEA)
- Tiffany Clark, Certified Elections Administrator (CEA)
- Justin Larsen, Certified Elections Administrator (CEA)
- Michael Newgard, Certified Elections Administrator (CEA) and Certified Recording Administrator (CRA)
- Tiffany Staten, Certified Elections Administrator (CEA) and Certified Recording Administrator (CRA)
- Catherine McMullen, Certified County Clerk (CCC)

For more information on the Office of the County Clerk and the Elections, Recording, and Records Management divisions, visit [clackamas.us/clerk](https://clackamas.us/clerk) or contact Catherine McMullen, County Clerk and Justin Larsen, Elections Manager | [countyclerk@clackamas.us](mailto:countyclerk@clackamas.us) or at 503-655-8510.

### UNIT MEETING 12:30PM on WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18

FOCUS ON SCOTUS: Recommend Chapters 16-18 of  
*'READING THE CONSTITUTION'* by Stephen Bryer

Join our In-Person Unit Meeting at Portera, 8945 SW Ash Meadows Circle, Wilsonville, OR 97070! **PLEASE RSVP** to Dolores Passarelle at [dpassar07@gmail.com](mailto:dpassar07@gmail.com) or (503) 577-9011 for directions or questions.



**In Memory of June Hensala January 24, 1938 - August 2, 2024**  
**by Sonja Kollias**



June Hensala, a 50+ year League of Women Voters member, died August 2, 2024. The League was fortunate to be the beneficiary of June's keen interests in civic engagement and in being thoroughly informed on issues important to the public's well-being.

Early on in my League acquaintance with June, I learned that she was a fellow West Virginian and that we shared an interest in public health. June's pathway to the League took her from Parkersburg, WV, to nursing school in Cincinnati, Ohio, followed by a solo drive across country [in her red Rambler convertible] where she became a psychiatric nurse, met and married John Hensala, chief resident at UC San Francisco, and moved as a family to Lake Oswego in 1968. June and John had three sons: John, Craig and Scott. It is their writings in June's Celebration of Life program that have provided us with glimpses into June's many faceted life, including her Gold Life Master standing in bridge.

We will forever be grateful for her years of service and the legacy she leaves behind. She taught us that leadership is not about titles or recognition, but about showing up, day after day, with passion and purpose. June's spirit will continue to inspire us as we carry on the work she so deeply believed in.

**In Memory of Ellen Pullen 1927 - 2024**  
**by Nancy Murray**

Longtime Lake Oswego resident Ellen Pullen passed away peacefully in June at age 97. I had the great pleasure of being in a library book club with Ellen for 20 years. We read about 220 books together over that time, and I always looked forward to reading her selections and hearing her comments. Ellen had many interests, and social justice was certainly one. No longer active in League, she was a consistent member and donor. Raised in Arizona, Ellen worked in Phoenix for Arizona Tax Research and in San Mateo, CA, for the Stanford Research Institute (SRI), where she raised her three children. In Lake Oswego, she worked as a licensed tax preparer, often volunteering for low-income clients. She also volunteered for the Oregon Symphony and Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church. Ellen was sharp and cheerful and still reading books until her passing at age 97.

## The Equal Rights Amendment: Still Out There Waiting...

by Nancy Murray

Our **Clackamas County League** joined with other Leagues to support LWVUS efforts to keep the ERA Amendment before the House of Representatives. We wrote a letter to Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer (OR-5) urging her to sign the Discharge Petition 6 to bring HJR25 to a vote. It affirms the federal Equal Rights Amendment as a valid part of the U.S. Constitution notwithstanding any time limit.

## Channel Migration Map for Johnson Creek

The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) has released a new report, *Channel Migration Zone Maps for Johnson Creek, Multnomah and Clackamas Counties, Oregon*, by Christina Appleby and Lowell Anthony. This publication provides Oregon communities with new information about the natural hazards from channel migration. These channel migration zone (CMZ) maps define the areas Johnson Creek is most likely to occupy within the next 30 and 100 years and are the first of their kind published for this river. The report is available online at <https://www.oregon.gov/dogami/pubs/Pages/ofir/p-O-24-05.aspx>.

## State League Members Advocate and Work in Coalition

League representatives don't toil on their own, but serve on legislative workgroups and committees. Consider taking your issue to the next level. Here are who they work with:

- Coalition Against Hate Crime: Elizabeth Kirby
- Coalition for Climate and Economic Justice: Claudia Keith and Arlene Sherett
- Electronic Government Portal Advisory Board (EPAB): Rebecca Gladstone
- Equal Rights 4 All Coalition: Jean Pierce
- NW Energy Coalition: Robin Tokmakian
- Oregon Health Authority Drinking Water Advisory Committee: Sandra Bishop
- Oregon Conservation Network: Peggy Lynch and Claudia Keith
- Oregon Housing Alliance: Nancy Donovan, Beth Jacobi, Debbie Aiona

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## Join the League of Women Voters of Clackamas County!

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Email \_\_\_\_\_

- I am a new member!
- I am renewing my membership.
- This is a gift membership. (Please provide the recipient's contact information above.)
- I am interested in volunteering for the League. Please contact me.

Annual dues: \$70 Individual. \$105 Household. Full-time student attending an accredited institution or adult under age 25 free! Membership grants are available. Pay online

(<https://my.lwv.org/oregon/clackamas>) or mail this form. Please make checks payable to LWVCC, PO Box 411, Lake Oswego, OR 97034

Membership dues and donations are now tax deductible.

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