



Clackson Voter

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

APRIL 2022

April General Meeting “An Outgoing Legislator’s Perspective”

When: Tuesday, April 12, 11:00 a.m. via Zoom

Our guest speaker will be Rep. Rachel Prusak, who has represented Oregon House District 37 (West Linn, Durham, Rivergrove, Tualatin, and Stafford) since 2018. A nurse practitioner and former Boston native, she served as the chair of the House Health Care Committee for the last two sessions and has been a champion for gun violence prevention. Rep. Prusak is one of three female legislators who recently announced they would not run for re-election due to the low salary and heavy demands of public office, careers, and motherhood. Please join us as she shares her perspective on the 2022 Legislative Session and what prompted her decision to end her legislative career.

RSVP to Nancy Murray, n.murray.01@hotmail.com

2022 Annual Meeting Will Be Held *In Person*!!

Saturday, May 7

10:45 Social with refreshments

11:00 Call to order

Oswego Pointe Clubhouse, 5065 Foothills Dr. Lake Oswego



Each year (pre-pandemic) we have come together to do the business of League: elect our officers and board of directors, vote a budget, and help to preview ideas for action and program for the coming year. Your attendance makes a difference, as this is a member-driven organization. Your Annual Meeting Booklet with everything you need to know will arrive in your inbox for most around April 7 and by regular mail for others. Anyone may request a printed booklet. We hope to see you!

LWVCC Leaders

Executive Committee:

Marge Easley
Karan Kuntz
Nancy Murray

Secretary:

Leslie Westphal

Treasurer: Nancy Murray

Directors:

Action: Marge Easley and
Maureen Mader

Clackson: Karan Kuntz

Membership: Diana DeMaria

Voter Service: Maureen Mader

Website: Lynette Pierson

Hilly Alexander

Sonja Kollias

Off Board:

Nominating Committee:

Robina Ingram-Rich

Unit Leaders:

Monday: Betty Barber

Wednesday: Mary O'Reilly

Thursday: Katie Lu

Friday: Lea Wells

<https://my.lwv.org/oregon/clackamas-county>

Recap of our March Program

Over 20 members attended our March program on “League Advocacy on Climate Change,” featuring Claudia Keith and Peggy Lynch from the LWVOR Action Committee. They shared their impressive knowledge of Oregon’s ongoing climate change efforts and the status of the Oregon Climate Action Plan (OCAP), initiated by Governor Kate Brown in 2020. The plan directs a broad array of state agencies to incorporate climate protections into their agency planning and programs in multiple sectors, including transportation, public health, energy, buildings, and land use. If you missed the meeting or would like to learn more about this issue, you can find a copy of the 2022 OCAP Progress Report [here](#).

LWVCC Observer Corps

We’re happy to announce that our League once more has an active Observer Corps. Four volunteers recently completed a training session and are now ready to monitor local governmental meetings, either online or in-person, and report back on issues that may warrant League action. Mary O’Reilly and Nancy Tolin will work as a team to observe the Clackamas County Commissioners’ meetings, Diana DeMaria will observe Oregon City and West Linn City Councils, and Linda Rinnan will focus on local land use hearings and Stafford Hamlet issues.

According to the LWVUS manual *Observing Your Government*, the goal for observers is not only to learn what government is doing, but to monitor whether those meetings are conducted in an open, transparent, and civil manner. Observers help to put elected and appointed officials on notice “that someone is watching what decisions are being made and how they are being made. They help ensure that the issues facing their community are being addressed in the sunshine, in the open.”

If you’re interested in joining the LWVCC Observer Corps or just have questions, please contact Marge Easley (marge.easley@frontier.com).

Patio Party Returns!!

Saturday, June 4



Your help is urgently needed to reduce gun violence in Oregon

Marge

Easley

The campaign to place two gun safety initiatives on the 2022 ballot is in full swing, but many more signature gatherers are needed for it to be successful. 112,020 valid signatures are needed by July 8. Here's a brief recap of the initiatives:

IP 17: bans manufacture, import, purchase, transfer, possession, and use of "semiautomatic assault firearms"

IP 18: requires a permit-to-purchase for all firearms and bans magazines over 10 rounds

As inspiration I'd like to share what League member Mary Bartholomew has accomplished at Mary's Woods. So far she has collected 202 signatures for each petition and is still going strong. She says the response has been overwhelming. A huge thanks to Mary for her efforts!

If gun violence prevention is an issue you care about, I would be happy to mail you one or more petition sheets (10 signatures per sheet) to circulate among your family and friends and return to the campaign. Just contact me at marge.easley@frontier.com and let me know how many sheets to send. Alternatively, you can sign up on the Lift Every Voice [website](#), and a petition packet will be mailed to you.

Welcome New Member Pat Saffir

Like many of us, Pat has a long League history, beginning in Wakefield, MA. Moving not long after to California, she joined the Palo Alto League. There she worked in study committees and served as Program Supervising VP. After raising her daughter, Pat went back to work as a chemist in a pharmaceutical committee. After retirement, she became active again in League in the areas of housing and voter service. Pat and her husband moved to West Linn last fall to be with family who all live in West Linn and Portland. Welcome, Pat! Her email and contact information can be found in the Members Only section of our website at www.lwvclackamas.org

County Commissioners' Forum

The LWV of Clackamas County will be hosting a forum for each of the county commissioner races, Position #2 and Position #3, in early April. Moderators from the League will be asking questions to each of the candidates who will be on location. There will not be a live audience. However, the forum will be recorded and viewable by voters either on WFCTV or through links from multiple sites. More details will be forthcoming on how to access this recording.



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Join the League of Women Voters of Clackamas County!

Name(s) _____

Address _____

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- 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.lww.org/oregon/clackamas>) or mail this form. Please make checks payable to LWVCC, PO Box 411, Lake Oswego, OR 97034

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