



# Clackson Voter

THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

MAY 2022

## Join us at Annual Meeting!



**When:** May 7, 10:45 a.m.

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

**Parking:** Parking is limited next to the clubhouse but is available along the street. Carpooling is encouraged.

The date for our Annual Meeting is fast approaching, and we're excited to announce it will be our first in-person meeting of 2022. For the benefit of new members, our bylaws state that Annual Meeting must be held between April 1<sup>st</sup> and June 15<sup>th</sup> for the purpose of adopting a local program and budget for the coming year, electing officers and directors, and getting feedback from members in the form of "Directions to the Board." But, of course, another important reason to attend is that it's a chance to catch up with old friends, get acquainted with our newer members, and munch on delicious refreshments.

**Note: You should have received your Annual Meeting booklet via email. If you made a hardcopy, please bring it with you. If not, we'll have extra copies at the meeting.**

## LWVOR Council, May 13-14

The state League's biennial Council will take place May 13-14 in a virtual format. Council is the biennial state meeting of the League of Women Voters of Oregon, held on alternate years to the state Convention. Officers and Directors will be elected, and the Council will give guidance to the LWVOR Board on program, methods of work, and budget as submitted by the LWVOR Board of Directors.

Two of our local board members will be participating as delegates, but any member is welcome to attend as an observer. You can register at <https://www.lwvor.org/events/lwvor-council-2022>. The Friday sessions include a discussion of **The Future of the League in Oregon** from 3:00-4:30pm and the **President's Meet and Greet** from 6:00-7:00pm. The **Business Meeting** will be held on Saturday, May 14 at 1:00pm.

## 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>

# Patio Party

**Saturday, June 4 11:30 a.m.**  
**Red Fox Hills Club House**  
**Boca Ratan Drive, Lake Oswego**



Believe it or not, it has been THREE years since we last gathered together to enjoy a spring luncheon and visit with continuing and new members and guests. If you haven't already done so, mark your calendar for the LWVCC Patio Party—Saturday, June 8, 11:30 a.m. The format is a potluck, so please bring either a salad or dessert to share. (We need more salads than desserts!) The Board will provide beverages. Guests are welcome, too, so please feel free to bring a friend or two. Thank you to host June Hensala for always making this space available to us.

**RSVP** to Sonja Kollias: 503-636-2187 or vskollias@aol.com, by Thursday, June 2. Also, this is a great time to pay your dues, \$70 per member, so please remember to bring your checkbook.

**DIRECTIONS:** Coming from State Street (Hwy 43) turn onto "A" Avenue. Take "A" to 10th Street, then TURN RIGHT. Stay on 10th. At second stop sign, TURN LEFT onto Andrews Road. Stay on Andrews Road, and at second stop sign TURN RIGHT onto Atwater Rd. Go one block and TURN RIGHT onto Boca Ratan. Stay on Boca Ratan to top of hill. TURN RIGHT and continue on Boca Ratan. Go one block and TURN LEFT into Red Fox Hills Condo Community. There is a sign at the driveway that says CLUB HOUSE. The clubhouse is straight ahead on a cement path. Look for the weathervane on the roof. There is limited parking by the clubhouse, but there is plenty of parking on the street with a short walk to the clubhouse.



The national League Convention this year, "Women Power Democracy," will be held June 23-26 in Denver. Board member Diana DeMaria is attending as a delegate for our League. If you will be in or near Denver at that time and are interested in what happens at convention, you can find complete information at <https://convention.lwv.org/>. Let someone on our board know of your interest. This is a wonderful opportunity to experience firsthand the power of the League. Past delegates can attest to what an inspirational experience it is!

## Want to learn more about the I-205 Improvements Project?

### I-205 IMPROVEMENTS

*Stafford Road to OR 213*



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APRIL 2021

WWW.I205CORRIDOR.ORG

**PROJECT BENEFITS**

- **Reduced Congestion and Travel Times.**  
Widening I-205 will make travel faster and more predictable, reducing daily congestion by 4.75 hours.
- **Fewer Crashes.**  
Improved interchanges and on- and off-ramps will make travel safer, resulting in fewer crashes.
- **Earthquake-Ready Bridges.**  
The Abernethy Bridge and eight other I-205 bridges will be upgraded or replaced to withstand a major earthquake, supporting this critical lifeline route in providing supplies and services to the region after a disaster.

IMPROVING OUR ECONOMY BY PROVIDING OREGONIANS SAFER, MORE RELIABLE ACCESS TO WORK AND CRITICAL SERVICES, EVEN AFTER AN EARTHQUAKE OR OTHER MAJOR DISASTER.

Over 100,000 vehicles a day use the seven mile stretch of I-205 from Stafford Road in West Linn to OR 213 in Oregon City. This bottleneck is the last two-lane section of I-205 and drivers experience nearly seven hours of traffic backups and congestion each day.

The Oregon Department of Transportation is addressing these issues as part of the I-205 Improvements Project. It's part of a regional effort to comprehensively reduce congestion and crashes, while also making travel times shorter and more predictable. Project improvements will also allow I-205 to remain open and passable following a major earthquake.

Visit our online open house in English and Spanish

[www.I205Corridor.org](http://www.I205Corridor.org)

April 12-30, 2021



Looking south at I-205 Abernethy Bridge. The project is part of a regional plan to support a healthy Oregon economy by comprehensively improving traveler safety and congestion.

If you've been reading the news lately, you know that I-205, a vital corridor through Clackamas County, has been a topic of much discussion and controversy, specifically concerning the idea of tolling. According to an *Oregon City News* article, Metro Council approved changes to the regional transportation investment plan on April 26 that "allow the Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) to conduct federally required environmental research, design work and further community outreach related to tolling." \$28 million in additional funding has been designated for a project assessment required under the National Environmental Policy Act before tolling implementation can begin.

The [list of actions](#) before tolling is initiated includes development of a specific diversion mitigation plan focused on equity concerns. ODOT provides a comprehensive look at the I-202 Improvements Project at [www.I205Corridor.org](http://www.I205Corridor.org).

## In Memorium

These last few months we have lost two former members of our League.

**Vic Dahl**, husband for nearly 68 years to Beryl Dahl, died peacefully Jan. 27 at the age of 93. He was a Professor of History with PSU. His academic work took Vic and Beryl to live and travel in many foreign countries, especially Latin America. They made friends all over the world. Upon retirement he often attended League events with Beryl and was a lively conversationalist with his many interests. You can read a full obituary online in *The Oregonian*.

**Karen Taylor**, wife of member Mike Taylor, passed away on March 20. She joined League as many of us did while raising small children. She was a nurse both before and after raising children and enjoyed entertaining and travel. She always had a smile on her face because she took such pleasure in family, friends and nursing her patients. After suffering a serious stroke in 2006, Karen worked hard to regain her abilities. Mike took great care of her as her health declined in the last years, brought her to League meetings, and took her on wonderful cruises abroad. You can read a full obituary online in *Pamplin newspapers*.



## Voter Service

### Mission: Encourage informed & active participation in government.

The upcoming primary election on **May 17th** is quickly approaching, ballots have been mailed out and the LWV of Clackamas County has been busy.

#### [Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org)

[Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org) is a website hosted by the LWV providing voter specific information on candidates and ballot measures based on a voter typing in their home address. Every candidate running for office is asked to complete a questionnaire developed by the LWV to establish a candidate profile. The candidate responses are printed as received, free of edits. The profile may include links to their own websites and videos. Voter forums and debates are also posted on [Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org) with information on how to attend or view online. Remember Oregon has a closed primary election and only voters registered as a member of the Democratic Party or Republican Party will receive a ballot that includes all the candidates for that specific party, along with all eligible nonpartisan contest.

#### Voters' Guide (VG)

Every election a *Nonpartisan Voters' Guide* is published and provided free of charge by the LWV of Oregon. Large print, audio (read aloud), screen-reader accessible (automated) and Spanish Voters' Guides are posted on the [LWV of Oregon](https://www.lwv.org) website. We delivered over 900 printed Voters' Guides to libraries in Clackamas County along with community centers and retirement communities.



#### Candidate Forums:

We invited candidates for Clackamas County Commissioner Position #2 and #5 to participate in an in-person forum hosted at Willamette Falls Studios (WFS) on April 6th. There was no studio audience. This was the first time several of the candidates had met each other in person and all agreed it was nice to meet in person. The forum was recorded and can be seen on [WFS](https://www.wfs.com) and on [Vote411.org](https://www.vote411.org). Each race had its own forum and was moderated by League members Maureen Mader and Marge Easley. The format asked each candidate the same question and allowed for a 2 minute response. The focus was on learning about the candidates and what was important to them. The forums can be found on WF Studios web site and links are provided here as well - [Clackamas County Commissioner Position #2](https://www.wfs.com) and [Clackamas County Commissioner Position #5](https://www.wfs.com).

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### Candidate Interviews:

The week of April 18th, in conjunction with the LWV of Washington County, over 60 candidates running for Governor, US House of Representatives and local state, county, regional, and city races were individually interviewed.

The interviews were recorded by Tualatin Valley Cable TV(TVCTV) in their studios, but the candidates were remote. The interviews will be available on [TVCTV](#) and posted on [Vote411.org](#) in the candidates profile.

### Thank You's

There are many people who deserve a HUGE THANK YOU for writing questions, helping host the forums, interviewing candidates, and distributing pamphlets including Clackamas County League members: Marge Easley, Lynette Pierson, Judy Umaki, Mary O'Reilly, Diana DeMaria. Many hands make light work. We also want to recognize Willamette Fall Studios and Tualatin Valley Cable TV for their work with us in helping record candidate events. They were both excellent to work with and made our job easy.

### What You Can Do?

Please remind and encourage your friends and families to use these voting resources and, most importantly, **VOTE on MAY17th.**

## Welcome New Members

Welcome to two new Clackamas County Members, **Catherine McMullen** and **Diane Morris**, who both joined our League in April 2022. Their email and contact information can be found in the Members Only section of our website at [www.lwvclackamas.org](http://www.lwvclackamas.org)

## Did you know?

### There are 2 ways to sign in to our website

Click on this [link](#) to access the site the same way the general public does or sign in as a Member to view all the public information as well as Members-only content such as our roster and interests sheet. Members-only content is under Members listed in the black navigation bar at the top of the page after you click the Log In button to the right of your password. If you have any difficulty signing in as a member, please contact Diana DeMaria, Membership Director at [lwvccmembership@gmail.com](mailto:lwvccmembership@gmail.com).

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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.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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