

LWW Clackson Voter



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

November-December 2024

Empowering Voters and Defending Democracy

by Nancy Murray, Carolyn Robb and Libby Medley, Leadership Team info@lwvclackamas.org

Our mission at the League of Women Voters has been clear for all of our 104 years of existence. Our country has faced many perils to democracy and to the acceptance of others throughout its history. We got through them, democracy prevailed, and we carried on.

The election is over, ballots are still being counted, and political ads have thankfully ended. The Republicans found success nationally, Democrats did so in Oregon, and it looks like we will have change in the Clackamas County Board of Commissioners races. Portland has a new government structure. It's a lot to take in.

"Thank you for making the world a better place." This was the message attached to a recent donation. Thank you to the donor for her appreciation for the work League members do, and the democracy we support through our membership, time, efforts, study, advocacy, and vote.

Mark Your Calendar for Our Winter Holiday Brunch

Saturday, December 7 10:00 am to noon

West Linn Adult Community Center

1180 Rosemont Rd. West Linn

RSVP: Betty Janes socials@lwvclackamas.org or 970-560-2364

Before we know it, the holidays are upon us. We will hold our traditional holiday brunch again this year. We will enjoy a lovely choice of brunch offerings, visit with League friends, and inevitably talk about what's on our mind. Two speakers from the Clackamas County Child Care Coalition will talk about their research, current state of child care locally and what may be on the legislative horizon. In January, we will be taking up an update and expansion of our 1988 LWVOR study of Caring For Our Children through discussion and consensus. Please join us on December 7th to enjoy a morning for yourself!

*Need a Ride? Neighbor League members have offered transportation!
Just call Membership at 503-319-8601 to arrange.*

Assessing the Recall Process in Oregon

Contact Carolyn Robb with questions or for paper copies of the study info@lwvclackamas.org

Link to the online study: <https://www.lwvor.org/studies-1/assessing-the-recall-process-in-oregon>

Monday, Nov. 18 at 5:30 Oswego Pointe Clubhouse, Fireside Room- 5065 Foothills Drive, Lake Oswego Contact: Robi Ingram-Rich at ringram.rich@gmail.com

Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 7:00 by Zoom: contact Nancy Murray at n.murray.01@hotmail.com to receive a zoom link.

League Book Club on December 3 at 10:00am

Mary's Woods, Pepin Building 565 Mesnard Street, Lake Oswego

by Margie Whitmore froulady@gmail.com 360-621-9112



The next book is *Democracy Awakening* by Heather Cox Richardson, hosted by Diana DeMaria. This book club dives into history, government, current events, and policy issues, and we have fun in the process! The Pepin Building is in the Village Section on the right side of Mesnard Street. Free parking near Ovation Coffee.

Welcome to the League of Women Voters of Clackamas County!

by Diana DeMaria, Membership membership@lwvclackamas.org

A HUGE WELCOME to our new members! Allie Barnes of Molalla, Heather, Macy and Riley Johnson of Portland, Karen Page of Happy Valley, Susan Massar of Portland, and Carmen and Mackenzie Martin of Clackamas. Their contact info can be found in the Members Only section of our website. If you need help to access that section or wish to request a link to the current online directory or neighboring League member rosters, please email Diana at membership@lwvclackamas.org.

In Memoriam: Dr. Carol Wilson 1936 - 2024

by Diana DeMaria, Membership membership@lwvclackamas.org

Dr. Carol Wilson was a lifetime and devoted League member. I am truly going to miss Carol, as I met and enjoyed her sharp insight while learning about her long journey through tumultuous times and the League, just as I was starting my own. She was dedicated to women's issues, climate, environmental legislation and elections. I was particularly impressed with the three generations of women in her family I enjoyed meeting at several League events. We appreciate her unstinting support for the League mission, and we will carry on, knowing she is here with us in spirit.



Voter Service was busy this fall in the community!

by your Voter Service Team voterservice@lwwclackamas.org

Kudos to our 2024 Fall Voter Service! The 2025 Spring Special District Election is right around the corner and your help will be needed, just email voterservice@lwwclackamas.org to help out in your community or from home. Many thanks from our League and community to:

Meg Thompson for the multi-county forum and TV interview coordination and communication, plus now working on connecting Leagues to Girl Scouts

Teri Danielson for coordinating Stumptown Coffee locations and working voter registration with some of the best cappuccino ever

Lindsay Riley and Teri Danielson for Vote411 phone calls to candidates, county recorders and election clerks, writing and data update to make the platform more complete for Oregon, plus writing letters to the editor

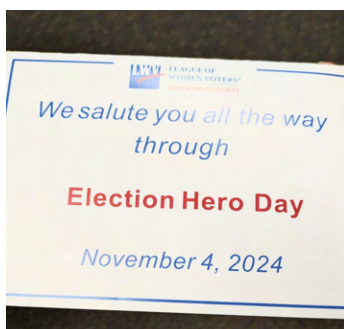
Karen Sterk, Teri Cummings, Claire Vaeth and Teri Danielson for voter registration (VR) in upcoming USCIS naturalization ceremonies in November and December to register brand new citizens to vote, which is absolutely the best (and most fun!) VR experience. with two additional slots available on Friday, December 13 for any interested Leaguers

Gayle Saxton, Judi Umaki and Marge Easley for serving on our League's Speakers Bureau to provide non-partisan information on statewide ballot measures to various community groups and League members

Tallulah Sprague for her Vote411 radio ad as a FIRST-TIME VOTER heard on the airwaves in some eastern and southern markets

Ellen Pierson, Mike Taylor, Janet Brumbaugh and Claire Vaeth for valiant Voters' Guide delivery to the near and remote corners of the County with hours on the road, raising awareness for our League and offering all of our voters truly nonpartisan resources

Marge Easley and Diana DeMaria dropped off small coffee gift cards from our League with a signed Election Hero Day Card. Their tour included watching ballots received to every table with sworn election teams doing their duty with integrity, transparency and dedication. Thank you to Clerk Catherine McMullen, her staff and volunteers!



WHAT'S GOING ON IN GOVERNMENT: PROTECTING YOUR RIGHT TO KNOW

By Mary Jensen localaction@lwvclackamas.org



Do you wonder what our government officials are doing at their meetings? The Observer Corps watches meetings either in person, via zoom, or views meeting recordings around your own schedule to fill in a single-page form with observations.

The league leadership will review and condense it, share with members in the Clackson and incorporate this crucial information into League planning. Want to know more about the Observer program? Read the LWV of the United States guide for protecting your right to know at <https://www.lwv.org/league-management/advocacy/observing-your-government-action>. If you are interested, please contact Mary Jensen at LocalAction@lwvclackamas.org.

2025 NOMINATING TEAM WILL BE CONTACTING LEAGUE MEMBERS

by Hilly Alexander, Chair and Nominating Committee Team membership@lwvclackamas.org

Are you determined to involve young and future voters, fight mis- and dis-information to keep the League a trusted nonpartisan source, protect your right to know what your government is doing, and team up with some of the best League members in the nation? We thought so! You will be hearing from your Nominating Chair, Hilly Alexander, and the Nominating Team, Betty Janes, Diana DeMaria and Maegan Vidal, who will be connecting with you for some fun conversation on your ideas and how the right-sized task can make a huge difference to 2025.



Uplifting Viewing on PBS: Citizen Nation

Nancy Murray, Leadership Team info@lwvclackamas.org

Attendees at our Fall Kickoff dinner learned about various programs that Civics Learning Project are providing to teachers and students in Oregon. One is the national competition We the People. In this 4-episode PBS presentation, follow high schoolers preparing for and competing in this annual gathering. (Four Oregon schools were nationally recognized for their Civics Learning Projects work: Grant HS won the 2024 national We the People competition and Lincoln HS finished in the top 10. If you can't access this current program on your TV, try the link on your computer to see our youth are building important skills in community engagement, civic participation, and voting. <https://www.pbs.org/show/citizen-nation/>

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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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