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Dear LWVCC Members

The election is over, and we can congratulate ourselves on providing needed information to the voters of Coos County. For the recent general election, we conducted three debates and 13 interviews which were available to citizens on You Tube and public access television. Thanks go to Suzanne Grami and Christine Moffitt, as well as Frances Smith, Linda Miller, Steve Miller, Linda Sweatt, Susan Anderson, and Margie Marshall, and special thanks to Paula Bechtold for moderating the debates. Drew Jones of Marshfield High School made it all possible by taping the debates in the media lab.

As challenging as the election season has been, it has not been the only challenge our League has faced this year. Perhaps our biggest struggle has been to keep our members engaged and informed in this time of COVID. Without an editor for the VOTER, our monthly newsletter, our communications have been inconsistent and somewhat haphazard. While our wonderful website has somewhat filled the gap, we need a VOTER editor. This can be a rewarding and fun job, with a lot of room for creativity, but we have a successful template that someone could easily use.

In lieu of that monthly VOTER, I wanted to let you know about our upcoming meeting plans. On November 30, at 6:30 pm, we are going to have a Zoom meeting on League Basics. We'll be looking in depth at our new, updated website, as well as talking about what being part of the League means to us. Please take six minutes to watch "We Are the The League of Women Voters" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=undHUR0ckQs> and one minute to watch "She is Me" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BnBzDI9hArM>. We'll also be talking about where the League needs to go in the next 100 years. Watch your email for the Zoom link and a scavenger hunt to complete before the meeting. Winner of the scavenger hunt gets a jar of my home-canned tuna. Also, this is an opportunity to invite anyone you know who is interested in the League or someone you think should be in the League.

Then, because of prudent restrictions on social gatherings, the board has decided to hold a virtual annual Holiday party on December 12 at 2 pm. Since you'll be at home (perhaps still in pajamas?), we invite you to enjoy the adult beverage of your choice while we socialize through Zoom. Since our budget is based on the holiday auction fundraiser, we are asking people to donate the cash you would have spent putting together or purchasing auction items.

Looking forward to virtually seeing you.
Alice Carlson/Frances Smith
Co-Presidents