



# Clackson Voter



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF CLACKAMAS COUNTY

SEPTEMBER 2021

## JOIN US FOR FALL KICKOFF!

Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 p.m., via Zoom

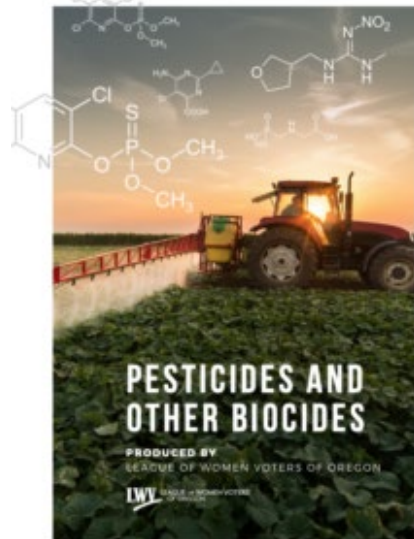
Contact Nancy Murray to register: [n.murray.01@hotmail.com](mailto:n.murray.01@hotmail.com). A link will be sent to you the morning of the event.

We were looking forward to resuming in-person meetings this fall, but sadly we'll have to wait a while longer. In any case, it will be wonderful just to see your faces on the screen. Meet our new board members and view a panel discussion on "Pesticides: Balancing Benefits & Risks" to prepare us for next month's consensus meetings on the impressive LWVOR study, *Pesticides and Other Biocides*. Thank you to the Portland League for making this program available to all Leagues in the state:

### "Pesticides: Balancing Benefits & Risks"

*What are the best ways to control pests, while also protecting our environment and people's health? To supplement our state study, the Portland League presents a panel discussion on what Oregonians should know about pesticides. The distinguished panel, moderated by study co-chair Paula Grisafi, includes:*

- *Amelia Nestor, Chair of the LWVOR study and Senior Scientist at Northwest Green Chemistry*
- *Andrea Sonnet, Lead Investigator, Pesticides Program, Oregon Dept. of Agriculture*
- *Kevin Masterson, Toxics Coordinator, Oregon Dept. of Environmental Quality*



### Preparing for Consensus

All members will soon be mailed a packet containing a copy of *Pesticides and Other Biocides*, along with the consensus questions. We urge you to take the time to read the study and look over the questions before October unit meetings. You'll have a choice of three unit meetings to attend. During the meetings, members will discuss the consensus questions in a small group format and then submit their answers to a state League committee tasked with crafting a state League position on pesticides.

## LWVCC Leaders

### Executive Committee:

Marge Easley  
Karan Kuntz  
Nancy Murray

### Secretary:

Leslie Westphal

Treasurer: Nancy Murray

### Directors:

Action: Marge Easley and  
Maureen Mader

Program Chair: Robina Ingram-  
Rich

Clackson: Karan Kuntz

Membership: Hilly Alexander  
and Diana DeMaria  
(Membership Chair in training)

Voter Service: Maureen Mader

Website: Lynette Pierson

### Off Board:

Nominating Committee:  
Robina Ingram-Rich

### Unit Leaders:

Monday: Betty Barber  
Wednesday: Mary O'Reilly  
Thursday: Katie Lu  
Friday: Lea Wells

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National Voter Registration Day is September 28! Click on the link below to see how you can help get more voters registered. <https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/>

## Leadership update

We welcome Maureen Mader, Diana DeMaria and Leslie Westphal to our Board! Read more about them via this link.

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

Diana will serve as new Membership Director and Leslie is our new Secretary. Thank you for your service, ladies!

## Welcome, New Members!

**Karol Becker**, Milwaukie

**Venezia DeMaria**, West Linn

They joined our League in June and August.

You can find their phone numbers and email addresses in the Members Only section of our website.

## In Memoriam: Doris Robins

Doris died on July 15, one day after her 99th birthday. Doris joined our League in 2000 but had been a League member long before that. Betty Barber and Norma Jean Germond would take Doris to League general meetings and special events. Betty remembers that years ago, Doris would walk up to the bus stop and go into Portland to participate in walks for social justice or antiwar issues. Doris had acreage in an area nearby and would spend a lot of time there in the past before her health got bad.

## Spotlight on Redistricting

*Marge Easley*

League members around the state are keeping a close eye on Oregon's redistricting process, currently in the hands of the Oregon House and Senate Interim Redistricting Committees. Due to census delays related to Covid, the timeline is extremely tight, as shown by the schedule below:

**September 7, 5:30 p.m.** - deadline to submit maps

**September 8-13** – virtual public hearings by congressional district

The hearings for District 5 (Congressman Schrader's district) will be on **September 9, 1-4:00**

**p.m.** and **September 13, 8-11:00 a.m.** Residents of any district may weigh in on **September 13, 1-4:00 p.m. and 5:30-8:30 p.m.** More detailed information about the redistricting process and how to watch hearings or submit testimony can be found [here](#). \*

**September 27** – deadline for the Legislature to enact redistricting plans

The Redistricting Committees must take into account population changes around the state and draw boundaries for both legislative and congressional districts. There are 60 Oregon House districts and 30 Oregon Senate districts, and the task of drawing congressional districts has recently been complicated by the awarding of a 6<sup>th</sup> congressional district, due to population growth in our state since the 2010 Census. Click [here](#) \*\* for an excellent PowerPoint that summarizes Oregon's population counts according to the 2020 Census.

In drawing district lines, the Legislature is tasked with ensuring that each proposed district:

- is contiguous
- utilizes existing geographic or political boundaries
- is of equal population
- does not divide communities of common interest
- is connected by transportation links

Since the stakes are high, and the above criteria is subject to interpretation, the public hearings should be interesting. If the Legislature fails to reach agreement on legislative redistricting by the deadline of September 27, which has happened all but twice since 1911, the task then falls to Secretary of State Shemia Fagan. She has already started accepting applications for a "People's Commission" that will provide nonbinding input on the map-drawing process. If the Legislature fails to draw congressional districts, the final decision will be up to a panel of five retired judges named by the Oregon Supreme Court. February 8, 2022 is the final deadline set for adoption of the legislative and congressional plans.

\* <https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting>

\*\* [https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting/ResourceFiles/August 18 Staff Presentation.pdf](https://www.oregonlegislature.gov/redistricting/ResourceFiles/August%2018%20Staff%20Presentation.pdf)



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- 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.

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