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LWV Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 19, 2018

Meeting begins at 10:30 a.m.
No-host luncheon at 12:00 noon

Venture Inn, 2265 Inland Point Drive (across from Bay Eye Clinic) at Inland Point in North Bend.

This is the opportunity for League members to vote on their new officers and directors, programs for action, and the annual budget.



Candidate Forum **Thursday, April 26, 2018**

Coos Bay Public Library in the Myrtlewood Room - 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Part 1 of the forum will feature candidates for Judge of the Circuit Court, 15th District, Position 5: James Monsebroten and Brett Pruess.

Part 2 of the forum will feature candidates for Coos County Commissioner Position #2: Dale Pennie, John Sweet, Steven Scheer, and Katy Eymann; and candidates for Position #3: Melissa Cribbins, Natalie Ranker, and Avery Horton.

League members are invited to attend and help out as needed. If you have a

LWV blue vest or shirt, please wear it. Bring your friends and relatives too!

Civil Discourse Essay Contest

LWVCC is sponsoring a contest for high school students in Coos County and Reedsport to write a 250-300 word essay answering the question, "How can we promote civil discourse?" Cash prizes: \$100 for 1st place, \$75 for 2nd and \$50 for 3rd place. Deadline for submission was April 16. Prizes will be awarded at 7 Devils Brewing Co. on May 6 when the winning authors will read their essays.

Membership Meeting

A dozen members and prospective League members attended the meeting on March 24 at Ciccarelli's Restaurant. Board members presented interesting information about League history, advocacy, studies, and our voter service activities such as public forums and voter registration. Lynda Payton who attended the meeting has since joined our League. Welcome, Lynda!

Spelling Bee

Our League team of super spellers, (above, from left), Melanie Bloom, Jerry Chadwick, and Mitzi Loftus represented us very well at the annual Adult Spelling Bee fundraiser for the Coos Bay Public Library Foundation on March 31 at Black Market Gourmet. No, they didn't win, but they and the audience had a great time competing. Thanks to our team!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2017-2018

Sue Thornton, President

Carol Ventgen, First VP

Susan Anderson, Secretary

Alice Carlson, Treasurer

Frances Smith, Director

Judith VanDuzer Uno, Director
Forum Chair

Margie Marshall, Director
Voter Editor

Melanie Bloom, Director

Suzanne Grami, Director

Carol Sanders, Director

OFF BOARD CHAIRS:

NancyLee Stewart
Nominating Chair

Linda Miller, Webmaster

Lois vonHippel
Facebook Administrator

Officers and Directors Nominated for 2018-2020:

First VP: Carol Ventgen (2018-2020)
Secretary: Susan Anderson (2018-2020)
Director: Melanie Bloom (2018-2020)
Director: Suzanne Grami (2018-2020)
Director: Christine Moffitt (2018-2020)

Officers and Directors Continuing through April 2019:

President: Sue Thornton (2017-2019)
Treasurer: Alice Carlson (2017-2019)
Director: Frances Smith (2017-2019)
Director: Margie Marshall (2017-2019)
Director: Carol Sanders (2017-2019)

Off Board Chairs:

Nominating Committee

Chair for 2019: Open
Two Members to be elected for 2019: Open

PROGRAM FOR ACTION

LWVCC members will be voting on our Programs for Action at the May 19, 2018, Annual Meeting.

The LWVCC board recommends retaining all these current local positions and continuing our Study on Home Rule:

Health/Mental Health Services
Port of Coos Bay
County Comprehensive Planning
Juvenile Facilities
County Budget Process
County Library Services
Evaluating Public Administrators
Affordable Housing
Coos County Human Rights Commission
Water Quality (adopted 5/8/10)
Home Rule Governance (conducting a 2-yr study)

Find the full text of all the current Programs for Action in your copy of Everymember Handbook.

[The League of Women Voters](#), a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Open to men and women of voting age, it neither supports nor opposes political parties or candidates.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

Saturday, MAY 19, 2018 – 10:30 a.m.

- (1) Call to order
- (2) Appointment of Parliamentarian and Secretary
- (3) Introduction of current board and other members
- (4) Appointment of committee to review 2018 minutes; deliver to Board by June meeting
- (5) Determination of quorum (1/4 of membership = 8 members)
- (6) Report on approval of Minutes from 2017 Annual Meeting (printed in this Voter)
- (7) President's Annual Report
- (8) Presentation and discussion of proposed Program for Action 2018-2019
- (9) Treasurer's Report
- (10) Presentation and discussion of proposed budget
- (11) Adoption of LWVCC Program for Action 2018-2019
- (12) Adoption of 2018-2019 Budget
- (13) Who's Who Report
- (14) Report of Committee Chairs including State Studies (Please bring oral and written reports)
- (15) Report of Nominating Committee and nominations from floor
- (16) Election of officers, directors, and next year's nominating committee
- (17) Guidance to the Board from the membership
- (18) Other business and announcements
- (19) Adjournment of Annual Business Meeting

Rules for Annual Meeting

- (1) Admission: Any member in good standing (dues paid) and her/his guests.
- (2) Quorum: One-fourth of membership (8)
- (3) Debate:
 1. Only members of LWVCC have the privilege of the floor.
 2. When addressing the chair, a member should stand and state his/her name.
 3. Discussion shall be limited to two minutes per speaker.
 4. No member shall speak more than once until all others who wish to speak have had their turn.
 5. During debate, a speaker for the motion shall alternate with a speaker against the motion. If no one seeks to speak on the alternate side, the successive speakers on the same side may be heard.
- (4) Resolution: Only courtesy resolutions are in order.
- (5) Motions: All motions/resolutions must be in writing, signed and sent to the secretary.
- (6) Voting: A majority of members present shall be required for the adoption of any measure.
- (7) Smoking: There will be no smoking before, during, or after the meeting in the meeting room.

Your Rights as a Member

- (20) To demand orderly procedure.
- (21) To appeal the decision of the chair.
- (22) To be informed on the question of procedure.
- (23) To make, second, debate, or amend motions – if debatable or amendable.
- (24) To vote and to be assured of an accurate count.



Chris Vogel
Development Chair: 2017-2019
Member of LWV of Marion & Polk Counties

Chris' introduction to LWV was in her early twenties in Washington State where she edited the LWVWA legislative newsletter in the late 70's. Drifting from League for career and family priorities, she reconnected with LWV in Oregon and co-chaired the Children at Risk, Early Learning Study beginning in 2013, published in 2015, and has been a member of the LWVOR Action Team since 2015.

Chris began her professional career in public affairs with an oil company. She later worked in corporate relations and consumer affairs at an electric utility; worked for a DC utility trade association; then served as a consultant on stakeholder relations, regulatory affairs, and corporate social responsibility for various electric, gas, telephone and water utilities in the USA and Canada. Some contracts included: implementing utility low-income life-line rates, training front-line employees to watch for seniors in crisis with gatekeeper observers, consulting with utility commissions about high complaint areas and changing utility policies, energizing low-income black communities in south-central Los Angeles to advocate for new water-mains for health and safety, supporting electric utility executives in implementing social responsibility policies and practices, advising companies to operate customer advisory panels to change internal operations, and listening through public-participation.

Chris earned a peer awarded accreditation in public relations with PRSA; an MBA with an emphasis in business ethics, corporate social responsibility; an MS in micro-economics and statistics; and a BS in education.

Defining moments in life include:

- Growing up in rural Colorado where mom was a math/science teacher, dad was a hunting and fishing tour guide and gunsmith; Chris' summers were spent on the headwaters of the Rio Grande where her parents ran a summer resort. Chris' first job was digging worms and baiting hooks.
- Spending school years in a small New Mexico town where mom was a math teacher and dad was a police officer; graduating in the bottom thirty in her class, and also valedictorian (yes it was a VERY small school)!
- Going to India in college as a missionary-wife for a very conservative church to "save the heathen" accompanying an early-marriage husband; yet finding that the ethnic diversity and rich cultural history was enticing—the beginning of an agnostic era, a divorce, and a move toward very progressive, liberal perspectives.
- A later-life marriage, a foster-adopt adventure at about age-40 with four toddlers experiencing fetal-drug exposure and abuse-neglect histories led to a challenging journey and an appreciation for brain plasticity with early intervention.
- Repurposing career skills in public relations, governance, and advocacy for vulnerable populations; Chris is now the Education Policy Coordinator for LWVOR Action with advocacy responsibilities for early education, K-12 and higher education. She has a particular interest in using League Positions on equity, inclusion, poverty prevention and children at risk to help shape legislation and encourage funding to assist historically underserved at-risk populations.

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