



**April 17**  
**General Meeting**  
**12:00 Noon**  
**at the**  
**Newport Public**  
**Library**



*"The League of Women Voters of Oregon is a grassroots, non-partisan political organization which encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government in order to build better communities*

*statewide.*

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**Bruce Koike talks about OCCC**

LWVOR is in the midst of a three-year study of postsecondary public education in Oregon. This study gives our local League increased motivation to inform ourselves about the Oregon Coast Community College. Bruce Koike, Interim President of OCCC, has graciously agreed to take time from a busy schedule to speak to our April membership meeting.

Bruce has served as the college's interim President since December 2011. Prior to that, he served as the college's Aquarium Science Program director since that program's inception in 2001. Before working at the college he served as an aquatic animal husbandry specialist at several public aquariums. Bruce earned an MS in Fisheries Science at Oregon State University, a BS in Biology at Southwest Missouri State University, and an Associate's degree in General Education at Grossmont Community College (El Cajon, CA).

We've told Bruce that we're interested in a wide range of topics about the college, and left it to him to choose what he can address. What is the school's history and what does he see as its future? What programs are currently offered and planned for the future? Who are the students? What are the school/community connections? How well is the school serving its students? What does it cost them? What financing is available? How long does it take students to complete their programs? What about transfer of credits to the 4-year universities?

What proportion of the school's faculty is part-time, and what benefits and career paths are available to those instructors?

How will the Governor's and Legislature's 40-40-20 (4-yr college graduates, 2-yr graduates, high school graduates) vision for Oregon affect the college? Is the state financing shifting from appropriation based on the number of full-time-equivalent students to a system based on "outcomes", and how is that working out?

## Help Needed at Candidates' Forum, Saturday, April 26, 2-4pm

The League of Women Voters of Lincoln County is sponsoring a forum for candidates for County Commissioner in the May 20 Primary Election. The forum will take place on Saturday, April 26, 2-4pm, in the Community Room at the Oregon Coast Community College, 400 SE College Way, Newport (South Beach). All of the candidates for this first non-partisan election of County Commissioners have agreed to participate. They are Doug Hunt and James B Patrick, running for County Commissioner Position 1, and Joe Hitselberger, David N Allen, Dick Anderson and Terry N Thompson, running for Position 3. LWVLC President Genevieve Rosin will moderate the Forum.

Marilyn Podesta, our Voter Service chair, contacted the candidates by email and telephone to finally find a time and date when all could be present. She has followed this up with a letter to each candidate, formally inviting him to participate in the Forum, and also explaining the Forum rules and procedures.

We hope to publicize the Forum widely. Dennis Anstine, a reporter for the Newport News-Times wrote a nice article about our Forum that appeared on page 2 of the April 9 edition of the newspaper. We've already received a few phone calls. Jack and Ruth Kistler will be bringing flyers advertising the forum to our April 17 membership meeting; we'd like members who can do so to take and post these flyers.

We need members to assist with the Forum. Members who can help should arrive at the Forum meeting room by 1:45 pm. We need cookies. We need members to collect and screen audience questions directed to the candidates at the Forum. We need members to help voters check on or update their registration status, and to register new voters at the Forum. We need members to man a table with League literature. We'd like as many members as possible to attend, and wear their LWV buttons. Please contact Marilyn Podesta or Ruth Kistler (541-574-8145) to volunteer your much needed assistance.

## 2014 Legislative Sine Die

The Oregon legislature adjourned on schedule March 7. The LWVOR action team's legislative report begins with the report of our Governance Coordinator, Kappy Eaton:

### **Thirty-five Days: Oregon's Winter of Discontent**

More than 200 bills introduced, seriously controversial issues, days of snow, rain, ice, wind, major amendments slow to posting, one hour hearing notices, late/cancelled committee meetings, the sense of hurried, behind-closed-doors decisions, and the mantra of "It ain't over 'till the fat lady sings" - that is the legacy of the 2014 Annual session of the 77th Oregon Assembly.

Sine Die finally occurred at 5 p.m. March 7, after a long day of Senate/House measure interchanges and re-concurrence votes. Were there accomplishments? Of course. Were there bi-partisan decisions? Yes. But there also were questions about just how much can be accomplished in an elongated month, about whether subject matter should be limited, and should the number of proposals be limited. And there was a discussion about an amendment to the Constitution to increase the number of days for the even-numbered year sessions and shorten the days for the odd-years session (SJR 201). Because of time limitations, that discussion will continue during the Interim hearings prior to the 78th Oregon Assembly in 2015.

The complete 17-page 2014 Legislative Sine Die report is on the LWVOR website. It is chock-full of information on the many (266) bills that were introduced, League actions with regard to the bills, and the bills' fates in the legislature. It makes fascinating reading. Ruth Kistler would be happy to print hard-copy of the Report for members who have trouble accessing it on-line.

## March 28 "Your Land, My Land" a Great Success

by Ruth Kistler

On Friday evening, March 28, LWVLC (in concert with HMSC) hosted the Oregon Humanities Conversation, "Your Land, My Land; Using and Preserving Oregon's Natural Resources". I counted 33 attendees, and many of them actively contributed to the Conversation. The Conversation facilitator, Veronica Dujon, was energetic and highly skilled at eliciting participation. She told us how the beaches of her native West Indies island imbued her with a sense of place, and asked about what attracted us to Newport. Soon the conversation was touching on conflicts between the economic exploitation of our natural resources and how those same resources endow us with a sense of place.

Personally, I was surprised at the direction of the conversation. Relative newcomers to this area (like me) said that they had been drawn here by the ocean, and most participants spoke of the ocean as dominating their sense of place. Yet the natural resource conversation was about logging, not about fishing or marine reserves. Interesting!

Last week we received a note from Veronica:

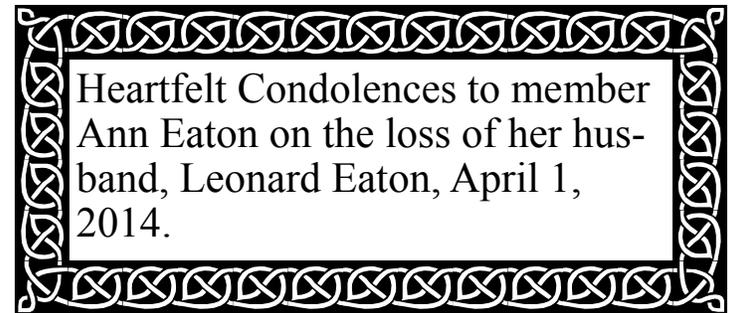
"I wanted to express my appreciation for the invitation to have a conversation with your LWV and larger community. I was very impressed with the passion and enthusiasm for your community. You are doing excellent work. Thank you too, for the copy of your report on nearshore resources. I look forward to reading it."

The two Conversations we hosted this year were fun, and helped give our organization visibility. We may want to host additional conversations next year. Please take a look at the Conversation Project catalog for 2013 - 2015 on the Oregon Humanities website ([Oregonhumanities.org](http://Oregonhumanities.org)) and let me know if any offering piques your interest.

## Annual Meeting, Thursday, May 22 **Hold the date!**

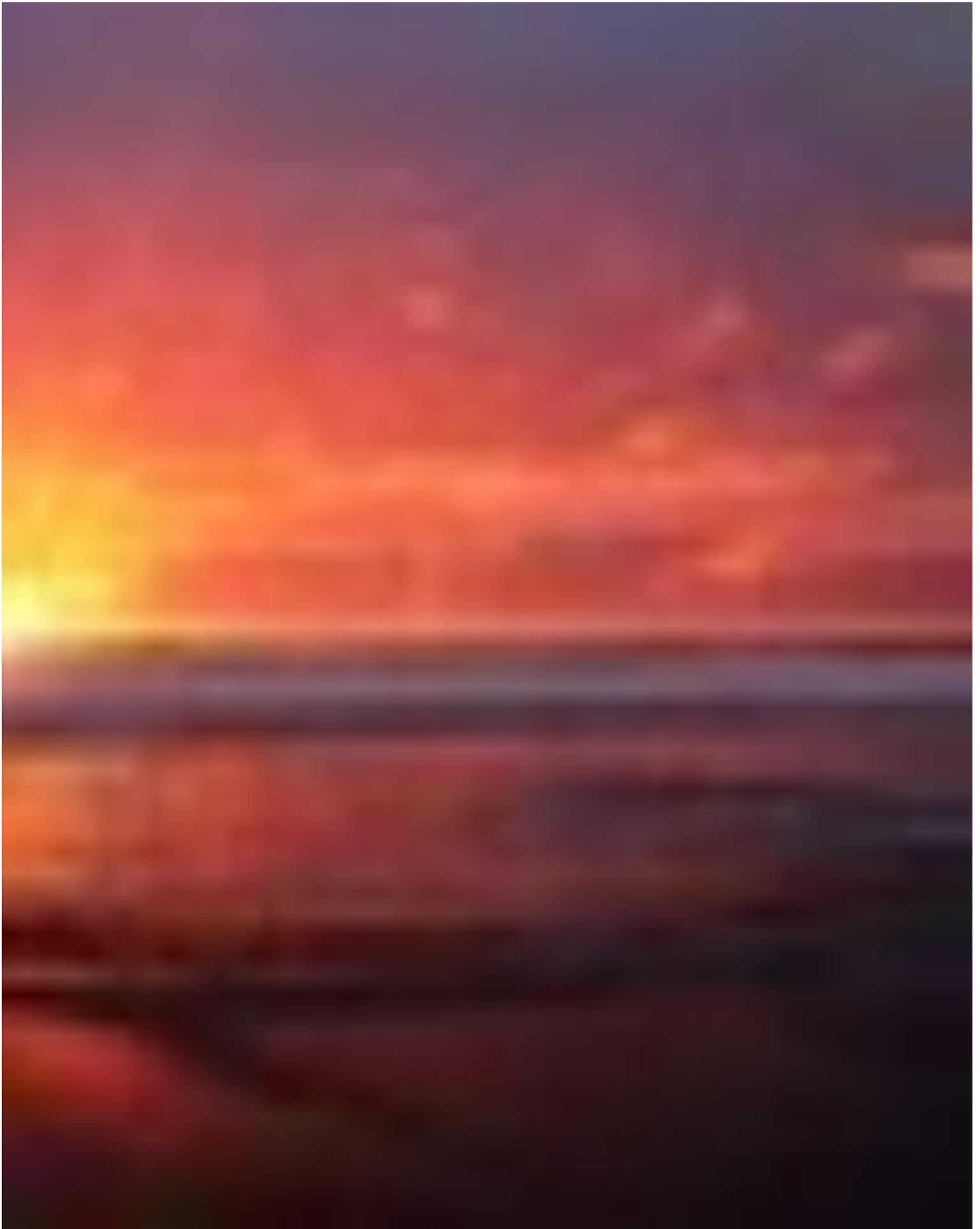
The League of Women Voters of Lincoln County annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 22. Although this is the fourth Thursday of the month, the board chose this date to allow our delegates (and observers) to attend LWVOR Council 2014, which is being held May 15 - 17.

We haven't yet made all the arrangements, but you can count on a luncheon with your League friends, a short business session to elect officers and adopt a budget, a report on LWVOR Council 2014, and perhaps something unexpected.



Heartfelt Condolences to member Ann Eaton on the loss of her husband, Leonard Eaton, April 1, 2014.

Calendar	
Apr 17	General Meeting -- program TBD
Apr 26	Candidates' Forum
Apr 29	Last day to register to vote
May 5	Board Meeting.
May 16&17	LWVOR Council
May 22	LWVLC Annual Meeting. TBD
May 20	Election Day.



LWVOR State Council 2014 Holiday Inn Express,  
Roseburg, Oregon  
Friday, May 16 and Saturday, May 17, 2014

Come to Council 2014 for worthwhile speakers and discussion.

- Great speakers
- Lots of Networking
- Great meals
- Terrific Silent Auction
- National Convention Briefing
- Visit Beautiful Southern Oregon

**Theme:** "Painting a New Wagon!"

**Speakers:**

Friday, May 16, 2014

3:34 PM - 4:45 PM

**Patty M. Scott, Ed.D.**

**President, Southwestern Oregon Community College**

"When Generations Collide"



7:00 PM - 8:45 PM

**Tom Bowerman**

**Project Director, PolicyInteractive Climate & Public Policy Research Project**

Presentation: "We're Closer than we Think"

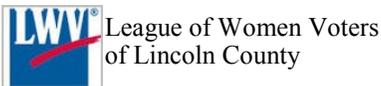
**COUNCIL;** Council is the biennial state meeting of the League of Women Voters, held on alternate years to the state Convention.

**TIME AND PLACE:** The 2014 Council will be held Friday and Saturday, May 16-17, 2014, at the Holiday Inn Express, 375 W. Harvard Avenue in Roseburg. Early arrivals are encouraged on Thursday, May 15, as there will be a dine-around that evening. Council will begin on Friday at 1:30 PM after a Noon luncheon. Council will adjourn at around 12:30 PM on Saturday to be followed by a state board meeting.



**HOST LEAGUE:** League of Women Voters of Umpqua Valley


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## Membership Form

For information call Ruth Kistler  
Membership Chair, 541-574-8145

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

	Individual	Household	Low income: Individual	Household
<u>Annual Membership Dues</u> (Circle one.)	\$60	\$90	\$40	\$60

I am a new member

I am renewing my membership

The membership year begins October 1.

I am interested in working with the League.

Please call me.

**I wish to make a contribute to LWV Lincoln County in addition to my dues** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Member Dues and contribution** Make check out to: LWV of Lincoln County \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**I wish to contribute to the LWV Oregon Education Fund (Separate Check Required. Make check out to "LWVOREF".)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Only contributions to the LWV Oregon Education Fund are tax deductible.**

**These contributions assist LWV Voter Service activities and education projects.**

**(Contributions to the Educational Fund must be on a check separate from payment of dues and LWVLC contributions.)**

**Total Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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