



# WAVELENGTHS



League of Women Voters of Lincoln County, Oregon

February 2016

## "Iron Jawed Angels", a women's suffrage story

Many of us recently viewed the 2015 film, "Suffragette"; set in 1912, it is about the struggle for woman suffrage in Great Britain. At our February 18 meeting, we'll be viewing "Iron Jawed Angels", a 2004 HBO film that tells the story of Alice Paul's and Lucy Burns's efforts that led to the passage of the 19th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. (Unfortunately, we probably won't have time to view the entire film during the meeting.)

In Britain, Emmeline and Christabel Pankhurst led an often violent woman suffrage campaign based on "Deeds, not Words"; that struggle is portrayed in "Suffragette". Alice Paul and Lucy Burns were American graduate students in England and met when they both got involved in Pankhurst's movement. They returned to the United States determined to fight for women's suffrage here, and joined the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA), the precursor of the League of Women Voters. Their passion and tactics in support of a women's suffrage amendment to the U.S. Constitution, their campaign by "deeds, not words" (which generated massive publicity), was a highly visible nonviolent campaign, and also led NAWSA to expel their unit, the Congressional Union. Paul and Burns founded the National Woman's Party (NWP).

The Anthony (19th) Amendment to the U.S Constitution became law in 1920. (British women got the vote in 1918). Disagreements continue about which tactics were most effective in leading to this achievement. Was it the visible activity of the militants, or the more nuanced actions and negotiations of the NAWSA president, Carrie Chapman Catt, that led to passage. The importance of women's efforts both in Britain and the United States during the First World War may have been pivotal.

The ending of "Iron Jawed Angels" shows Mrs. Catt and Alice Paul exchanging friendly and respectful glances while President Wilson speaks to Congress and endorses the amendment. In reality, Catt and Paul never reconciled.

# February 18

## 11:45 AM to 1:45 PM

### at the

# Newport Public Library



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## Use League Reports to Stay Informed

The Oregon Legislature convened Monday, February 1. During this "short session" of the Oregon Legislature the LWVOR action committee has been very busy following proposed legislation through committees, testifying on issues where we have positions, and sending action alerts to members. The LWVOR "Legislative Report", February 2016, Volume 26, Number 1, has the fascinating detail. This year the Legislative Report format has been revamped to make it shorter and easier to read. You can find the Legislative Report on the LWVOR website, or receive an email subscription.

Have you visited the LWVOR website lately? The address is still the same -- [www.lwvor.org](http://www.lwvor.org), but it has a whole new look. It's easier to navigate. The member log-in button is in the upper right-hand corner, but most of the material is available without logging in as a member.

One of the revolving panels on the home page links you to the latest Legislative Report. (Ruth's confession: I do not know the correct terms to use in describing the various things on a web page, but then a lot of you probably don't know them either and wouldn't understand them if I knew them and used them.) You can also get to the Legislative Report by clicking "Take Action" and then choosing "Legislative Reports" on the next web page; when you do that Legislative Reports from 2013 to the current legislative session will be accessible. Right there, under the "Legislative Reports" banner, is a link that lets you sign up to receive the Legislative Report by email. You can also sign up for the "Voter" or the "Mock Election E-newsletter."

The LWVUS "League Update" is a bi-weekly email communication sent to leaders of local Leagues. This is an internal communication that provides both announcements and opportunities meant only for League members, as well as updates on important news and events. The national League suggests we forward "League Update" to our interested members. If you are not already receiving the "League Update" and wish to have it forwarded to you, please let me know. If you want to discontinue receiving "League Update", let me know, but PLEASE DO NOT USE THE UNSUBSCRIBE BUTTON ON YOUR FORWARDED COPY since that will unsubscribe me.

## Project Homeless Connect -- January 28, 2016

The ninth annual Newport Project Homeless Connect was held at the Church of the Nazarene on January 28. The event provides services like health (and veterinary) care, items like tents, clothing, and hygiene products, and social services and referrals, such as utility and housing assistance, for the local homeless community. I observed the longest lines at the event stations offering assistance with obtaining birth certificates and identification papers. People checking in with the county public housing authority were offered places on wait lists. The event provides many services but real need remains.

As in past years, the League of Women Voters of Lincoln County manned a station to provide information and assistance with voter registration. Members Marilyn Podesta, Ruby Miller, Sandy Straus, and Ruth and Jack Kistler participated. We displayed our "Oregon Voter Bill of Rights" poster from the Secretary of State's Election Division. We referred to this poster to emphasize that Oregon does not restrict voting because of felony convictions or homelessness. We had a lap-top available to register voters, or allow them to check their voter registration status, and we had voter registration cards for those who needed or preferred paper registration.

The voter registration business was slower this year than in past years. Moving the date of this year's event from October to January resulted in fewer homeless clients being served. A few people had been registered by the new Motor Voter law that took effect January 1, 2016. Only one person checked her voter registration status on-line, and a couple of people requested voter registration cards. Still, we showed our League's banner and tried to communicate the importance of every citizen's vote. We were part of a community that tries to demonstrate to the homeless that we're all members of the same community.

## Calendar of events

Feb 18 -- 11:45 AM to 1:45 PM -- Newport Library -- Excerpts from "Iron Jawed Angels"  
Feb 22 -- at the Salem Capital Building. Day at the Legislature.  
Mar 7 -- 1:30 - Columbia Bank in Newport -- Board Meeting.  
Mar 17 — 11:45 AM to 1:45 PM — Newport Library — Observer Corp  
Apr 4 -- 1:30 - Columbia Bank in Newport -- Board Meeting.  
Apr 7 -- 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM -- Newport OCCC -- "Great Schools, Great Communities"

### LWVOR ACTION ALERT

February 7, 2016

**TO:** All LWVOR Members

**FROM:** LWVOR Action Team

**ACTION NEEDED:** Contact your legislators and support **SB 1533**.

**View LWVOR's testimony on SB 1533.**

**DEADLINE FOR ACTION:** ASAP! A Work Session will be in the Senate Human Services and Early Childhood Committee on **Monday, February 8**. If it passes this committee, then it will go on to the Senate floor and over to the House. Your support and messages to your legislators are helpful at each stage. (You can follow the progress of this proposed legislation at <https://olis.leg.state.or.us/liz/2016R1/Measures/Overview/SB1533>.)

**MESSAGE TO CONVEY:** Support **SB 1533**, repeal of the prohibition on local communities' ability to use inclusionary zoning as a tool for requiring affordable housing in development projects.

**BACKGROUND:** In 1999, a statewide plan was enacted that prohibits local governments from using inclusionary zoning, a planning tool that enables jurisdictions to use their zoning codes to influence the type and affordability of housing units within a development. In states other than Oregon and Texas, the tool is used to require developers to set aside a percentage of units for rental or sale to young families with low incomes, elderly couples wanting to age in place, or the workers that keep our economies running. This policy can be used to harness the energy of the private market to help create affordable homes and enable economic integration and social inclusion.

**TALKING POINTS:**

- Current law is a barrier to local efforts to address the housing affordability crisis felt throughout Oregon.
- Local governments should have a choice of tools available to them to implement their vision of their own future.
- Cities throughout the U.S. have used this tool for a number of years. Oregon municipalities choosing to employ inclusionary zoning will benefit from the lessons learned elsewhere.
- Housing located near employment means workers do not have to travel long distances to work, leaving them more time to spend with their families and reducing the burden of transportation expenses.
- There is increasing recognition that living in high opportunity areas close to excellent schools, transportation options, and good jobs contributes to a child's and family's success. This planning tool increases housing options for lower income families in high opportunity areas.
- Traffic congestion, pollution, and commute times are reduced when affordable housing options are available close to jobs.

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## Great Schools -- Great Communities Forum Date Set

We have been working with the LWVOR Great Schools advocacy project to schedule a "Great Schools, Great Communities" forum in Lincoln County. The project has already done two preview forums and is now ready to roll out forums to local Leagues. The Newport forum is scheduled for Thursday, April 7, for 6 to 8:30 pm, at the Oregon Coast Community College Community Room. Other forums arranged so far are to be held in Portland 3/08/16, in Roseburg 3/10/16, in Salem 3/30/16, and in Hermiston 5/23/16.

For more than a year a core group of partners have been meeting to discuss and compose this 90 minute forum to present around the state to encourage solving the crisis in the funding education in Oregon. The core group of partners actively working on this project are:

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Oregon Center for Public Policy (OCPP)

Oregon Education Association (OEA)

Confederation of Oregon School Administrators (COSA).

In the forum we will discuss the past history of funding education and the prospects for a better quality education for our children.

Even after the 2015 legislative session and increased funding for education, through the QEM (Quality Education Model) we know that a funding gap of over \$2 billion exists just to achieve an average education in Oregon. How do we fund this gap just to achieve an average educational program? This is what we will ask Oregonians all over the state.

For this forum, what will the Great Schools team take care of? The Great Schools team will provide refreshments, including coffee, tea, water, and light snacks. The Great Schools team will bring to each event sign-in sheets, evaluation forms regarding the forum, and a "Solutions" form for writing down comments and ideas for funding solutions. They will also provide Great Schools contact info, and they will email the presentation as a PDF after the event to those who sign-in. We have agreed to share our sign-in sheet info with LWVOR and OCPP. The team is now working on publicity that includes flyers and a press release template.

Our League members will need to help by inviting interested parents, students, teachers and others who may share interest in solving the funding gap in education for public schools in Oregon. We'll also need to help with publicity before the forum, with as well as setup, greeting and seating attendees, and takedown on the evening of the forum.

## LWVOR ACTION ALERT

February 12, 2016

TO: All LWVOR Members

FROM: LWVOR Action Team

**ACTION NEEDED:**

**Contact your legislators and support Climate Change Portfolio Bills:**

Healthy Climate Bill (Cap & Invest) **SB 1574A** and Clean Energy / Coal Transition Bill **HB 4036A**.

**View LWVOR Testimony: HB 4036A and SB 1574A.**

**Legislator contact information:**

[www.oregonlegislature.gov/FindYourLegislator/leg-districts.html](http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/FindYourLegislator/leg-districts.html)

**DEADLINE FOR ACTION:** *ASAP!* The House could vote on **HB 4036A** *this Tuesday* and then the Bill will most likely move to the Senate. The Ways and Means Committee may wait a week to vote on **SB 1574A**. Then it could move directly to the Senate Floor. Your support and messages to your legislators are helpful at each stage.

**MESSAGE TO CONVEY:** Support **SB 1574A** and **HB 4036A**, to ensure that Oregon leads on Climate Change with comprehensive legislation. **SB 1574A** is Oregon's opportunity to take effective leadership in Climate Change by putting a price on greenhouse gas emission pollution. **HB 4036**, the Clean Electricity and Coal Transition Bill, jointly prepared by the two major utility companies serving Oregon and environmental groups, phases out coal power by 2030 and expands the renewable energy commitment to 50% by 2040. Tell them that **NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT** on Climate; both bills deserve a vote and consideration by the 2016 Oregon Legislature this session.

**Background:** In 2007 Oregon set responsible greenhouse gas emission reduction targets. These two Bills, which complement each other, will ensure we meet these targets starting in 2030.

**Talking Points:**

**SB 1574A** is the cornerstone of a comprehensive climate policy framework based on a greenhouse gas emission cap and invest program with benefits that:

- create local good paying jobs in our growing clean energy sector;
- put a cap on greenhouse gas emissions;
- significantly reduce emissions consistent with the best science;
- build healthier communities by reducing medical bills and sick days from chronic disease like asthma;
- use the free market through a greenhouse gas cap and invest program;
- ensure fairness by assisting and investing in disadvantaged and rural communities;
- reduce Oregon's risk of drought and record breaking wildfires;
- safeguard our agriculture, tourism, salmon and shellfish industries;
- create a structure for financial accountability of dirty pollutions emitted into our air; and
- use the free market for the greenhouse cap and invest program that allows Oregon the flexibility to link to successful market based programs.

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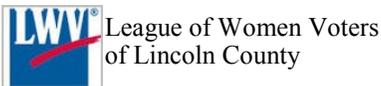
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## Membership Form

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| <u>Annual Membership Dues</u> (Circle one.) | Individual | Household | Low income: Individual | Household |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> I am a new member  | \$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.

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