



# WAVELENGTHS



League of Women Voters of Lincoln County, Oregon

September 2017

## President's Message

As summer winds down, I hope you all had a few months filled with adventure, family and friends. Living in such a beautiful part of the world sure leads to lots of house guests, doesn't it? Pat and I were fortunate enough to take a wonderful trip this year to Ireland and Scotland, in celebration of having completed 50 years (plus) of married life. It was everything we had hoped and more!



Now having put the great Eclipse Event behind us, it is time to start thinking about the launch of the 2017-18 League year!! I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our kick-off luncheon on Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at the Depoe Bay Inn. Marilyn has worked hard to pull the details together, so please RSVP to her as soon as possible. (See details in separate article.)

At our recent Board Meeting, we talked about our program for the next year and several exciting ideas were generated. But I really want to hear from all of you!! So, rather than bringing in an outside speaker for our luncheon, the floor will be yours. Start thinking about YOUR program ideas and, together, we will decide what to explore this year.

The possibilities currently on the table include a recap of the Legislative Session (LWVOR will be publishing their session wrap-up soon); some training on how to use the available online Oregon Legislative Information System (OLIS) to follow legislative action from the comfort of your own home; a follow up on Affordable Housing in Lincoln County, Immigration issues in Lincoln County, and more!

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# Meeting/Luncheon

# 11:45 AM

# Thursday, Sep 14

# Depoe Bay Inn



*“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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## Luncheon, September 14

The first membership meeting of the 2017-2018 League year will be held on September 14 in the cozy café of the Depoe Bay Inn, overlooking the Depoe Bay Harbor.

**Please arrive by 11:45 am.** A soup/salad luncheon will be served buffet style at 12:00 pm. Menu consists of:

Two soups (one vegetarian)

One pass through the salad bar

Finger-type dessert

Coffee, tea, iced tea

Cost for the luncheon, including gratuity, is \$15 per person. Please reserve your spot by sending a check in this amount to LWVLC, P.O. Box 1648, Newport, OR 97365, by Saturday, Sept. 9. (Your check should be made out to LWVLC.)

Please direct any questions to Marilyn Podesta (541-765-4422) by this date as well.

We have told the Depoe Bay Inn manager that our group will consist of about twenty members and guests. The Depoe Bay Inn's dining area is small, so our count needs to be as accurate as possible.

After lunch, we'll discuss our League's activities for the coming year.

### Directions to the Depoe Bay Inn:

From the north, in Depoe Bay turn left on Bay Avenue (the signal light before the bridge). Follow Bay Ave. around, past the community hall and the Coast Guard station. You will note that the street name becomes Bayview Ave. Drive all the way to the end, and the Inn is on the right, with an ample parking lot.

From the south, cross the bridge at Depoe Bay, and turn right at the signal light onto Bay Avenue, continuing as above.

## LWVLC Conversion to 501(c)3 Revisited

Ruth Kistler

Two years ago LWVOR converted from a 501(c)4 organization to a 501(c)3 organization (and that change has been a good one for our state League). At the 2016 LWV Lincoln County Annual Meeting, our local League voted to convert to a 501(c)3 organization and we made changes to our Restated Articles of Incorporation and By-laws needed for such a conversion. We decided we would follow step-by-step conversion instructions to be provided by LWVOR.

The state League asked local Leagues whether they preferred to file individually for conversion, or to join a group exemption under LWVOR. We decided we would prefer the group exemption; it would cost less (especially for small Leagues like LWV Lincoln County) and would not entail filing many IRS forms. LWVOR President Norman Turrill and California LWV member Tom Carson continued to research the steps needed for the conversion as well as the IRS responses to other League requests for conversion. This summer President Turrill informed us that an IRS group exemption for Oregon local Leagues is probably not possible.

So, at our September meeting, we are going to revisit our decision to convert to a 501(c)3. Reasons for a conversion are still valid: Dues would be tax-deductible (for those who itemize their deductions). Donations to LWVLC would be tax-deductible. We would be eligible for grants/contributions from organizations that can only give to 501(c)3 groups. Going ahead with conversion would entail paying \$400 (which we have) and filing some complex IRS forms; Tom Carson has provided extensive advice and examples on filling out these forms to help us.

Do we still want to convert?

## Calendar of events

Sep 14	11:45 AM	Depoe Bay Inn	Luncheon --General Meeting
Sep 17			Constitution Day
Sep 26			Nation Voter Registration Day
Oct 5	1:30 PM	Umpqua Bank	Board meeting
Oct 12	11:30 AM	Newport Public Library	General Meeting

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Please let me know what YOU want our League to be doing! Shall we stick with our 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, mid-day, meeting schedule – or make some changes? Would you like to see more involvement in the social issues of our day? Should we be facilitating more community discussion?

Marilyn will also attend a two-state LWV workshop in early September and we look forward to hearing what new ideas is will generate for expanding our membership. Meanwhile, we need more participation on our Board of Directors! If you would be willing to invest just a bit more time in LWVLC, please let me know!!

We have on order a supply of the newly revised LWV brochure, “Think Before You Ink.” Most assuredly another onslaught of initiatives will face voters in 2018. As early as January, we could be asked to vote on Referendum #301 (challenging HB 2391; relating to access to healthcare and providing for revenue) if it gathers enough signatures to qualify for the ballot and order a special election. A broader conversation about Oregon’s initiative, referendum and referral processes and their outcomes is desperately needed, in my opinion. I hope that LWVLC can be a catalyst to make that happen.

I look forward to an exciting and informative year ahead!

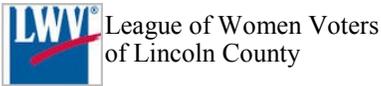
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League dues were due on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Have you paid your dues this year? If you are not sure, contact Jack Kistler at [jackkistler@charter.net](mailto:jackkistler@charter.net) or 541-574-8145




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## Membership Form

For information call Marilyn Podesta  
Membership Chair, 541-765-4422

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

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

<u>Annual Membership Dues</u> (Circle one.)	Individual	Household	Low income: Individual	Household
<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.

**I wish to make a contribution 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 of Oregon to assist LWVLC's Voter Service activities and education projects. (Separate Check Required. Make check out to "LWVOR".)**      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Only contributions to LWVOR are tax deductible.**

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

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