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League of Women Voters of Lincoln County, Oregon

May 11, 2020

VOTE

RESPOND TO

2020 CENSUS

STAY SAFE

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic all in-person meetings have been cancelled, postponed, or shifted to an online meeting application. Please stay safe and healthy.

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"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."

Visit our web page at www.lwvlincolncounty.org

Census 2020

Ruth Kistler

Have you filled out your census questionnaire?

An accurate count of U.S. residents is needed to determine representation in the House of Representatives. There is a good chance that Oregon will gain a sixth Congressional district based on population gains since the last census. The census data is also used in drawing state legislative districts and in allocating billions of dollars in federal funding for education, healthcare, housing, and roads.

At our February 20 meeting, Dr. Michelle Maher told us that a 12-digit census identification code and an invitation to fill out the on-line census questionnaire would be mailed to households that receive mail at their residence. Others, such as those who receive mail at a post office box, will not receive a notice in the mail, but should visit the my2020census.gov website, provide their residence address, and fill out the questionnaire. The confidentiality of personal information collected is protected by law. Dr. Maher also explained that what used to be the "long form", now called the American Community Survey, is now done on a rolling basis, no longer as part of the decennial census.

The accuracy of the census ultimately depends on hundreds of thousands of trained census-takers called enumerators. Their job is to track down millions of residents who fail to fill out questionnaires or are unable to receive them by mail.

In mid-March, the Covid-19 pandemic forced the Census Bureau to temporarily suspend training and outreach. The suspension immediately impacted the scheduled count of the nation's homeless (originally scheduled for March 30, 31, and April 1) and training enumerators. Plans have been made to reactivate field offices beginning June 1, 2020. At that time in-person activities, including all interaction with the public, will incorporate the most current guidance to promote health and safety of staff and public. This will include recommended personal protective equipment (PPE) and social distancing practices.

Candidate Videos Press Release

Here's the press release Jean Cowen sent for the candidate videos posted to the LWV Lincoln County Facebook page:

Due to the need for everyone to stay safe at home, the League of Women Voters of Lincoln County is unable to host a public forum for candidates prior to the May Primary Election. However, in accordance with the League's continuing commitment to voter education, questions were submitted to candidates for Congressional District 5 (CD 5) and three local, non-partisan positions. Each candidate was encouraged to submit a video with his/her responses.

The responses of those who chose to participate have now been posted to LWVLC's Facebook page: [LWV Lincoln County Oregon](https://www.facebook.com/LWVLincolnCountyOregon). Additional detailed information about all the races within the reader's zip code can also be found online at VOTE411.org which has been compiled by the League of Women Voters on a national basis.

The outreach for the Facebook videos included the primary challengers in the CD 5 race: On the Democratic side they are the incumbent Congressman Kurt Schrader, Mark Gamba and Blair Reynolds. On the Republican ticket, contenders include Shane Dinkel, Joey Nations, Angela Romans and Amy Ryan Courser. One individual from each political party will be selected to run in the November General Election, but only two Democrats have chosen to submit videos at this time.

The three non-partisans seats being contested in the May Primary are County Commissioner, District Attorney and Circuit Court Judge (position 1).

Candidates seeking the County Commission seat include incumbent Commissioner Claire Hall, Dave Davis, Joe Hitzelberger, Betty Kamikawa and Ed Johnston. Three of these candidates submitted videos for the Facebook posting. In this race, should one individual secure more than 50% of the votes, that person will be declared the winner. However, if no one achieves this goal, the top two contenders will then face each other in the General Election.

The District Attorney race includes the appointed incumbent Jonathan Cable and Lanee Danforth. Circuit Court Judge Sheryl Bachart is being challenged by Russ Baldwin. All four of these individuals have submitted videos.

Calendar of Events

As of May 10, 2020

DATE	TIME	WHERE	What
May 16		ZOOM	LWVOR Council 2020.
May 19			Primary Election.

May 19th = Primary Day!

Georgia Roelof

Just in case you forgot, Tuesday, May 19th is Primary Day here in Oregon. If you haven't received your ballot, call the Lincoln County Clerk's Office [(541) 265-4131] to find out why. Once in hand, study your ballot carefully, knowing how important it is to *cast an informed vote*. And remember that some of the non-partisan races may well be decided at the Primary level (if one candidate receives 51% or more of the votes cast).

Here in Oregon we are fortunate to have a vote-by-mail system that makes it easy to vote and, considering the current COVID-19 pandemic, not compromise your health at the same time. Check out Vote411.org to learn where the candidates stand on important issues and then VOTE! This year you can mail in your ballot without a stamp (the state will cover the cost); just make sure it's in the mail by Wednesday, May 13th. NOTE - postmarks do NOT count, so mail early! If you put your ballot in a drop-box, the deadline is 8 pm on Tuesday, May 19th.



Different Kind of Election Year

Georgia Roelof

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, almost everything has changed, right? Well, that includes our League's voter service for this Primary Election. In years past, our Lincoln County LWV has proudly (and very effectively) held Candidate Forums to help inform our county of candidates and issues appearing on our ballots.

That has not been possible this year, so we looked for alternative ways to reach voters with unbiased, non-partisan information to help create an educated electorate. One method has been to post videos on our new Facebook page from the local candidates (see the article, "LWV Lincoln County is on Facebook"). Another, obviously, has been to use our Facebook page to disseminate valuable information to our "friends" and visitors.

A third way involved something we haven't done in the recent past – buy advertising space in our local newspapers. We do have an Education Fund to cover this, and certainly it is an appropriate way to use the Fund! So, look in the News Guard and the News Times for our ads, encouraging readers to visit our Facebook page and go to VOTE411.org for information about the issues important to the candidates. Then fill out your ballot and VOTE!!



LWV Lincoln County is on Facebook

Judy Kreitmeyer



LWVLC Facebook banner designed by Marta West.

Are you on Facebook? If so, you know how helpful it can be in finding out all sorts of information. To make it even better, the Lincoln County League of Women Voters has recently joined Facebook, too! Our new page is called "LWV Lincoln County". We post helpful local information on elections, videos the local candidates made especially for our page, and remind everyone about the information on VOTE411.org. We also post how to complete your census form or where to do it online.

On our Facebook page you can ask questions about our chapter and learn about our future events, (once the current pandemic permits us to hold them again). We keep the page updated with relevant information just for you.

Won't you "Like" us and become part of our new Facebook community?



For National Nurses Day, reprinting Ruby Miller Bio

Marilyn Podesta

On Wednesday, May 6, 2020, a grateful nation celebrated "National Nurses and Health Practitioners Day." Nurses all over the United States have for months been on the front lines of the pandemic which is sweeping our nation right now, in spite of the danger to themselves and their families.

Read on, to understand what it was like for a young nurse during World War II in another time and place, facing a different, but unimaginable situation. We know this nurse to be none other than former LWV member, Ruby Miller.

Ruby, now 97 years young and living in Portland, wants all her old friends in Lincoln County to know that she is well, and she sends you her greetings!

This short autobiography of Ruby was published in a Spring, 2016 "Wave Lengths."

I was born during the depression to Norwegian parents on a farm in Fairview, Montana which is located in the lower Yellowstone Valley. My two older sisters were nurses, so because of the limited opportunities, I chose to go to nursing school in Great Falls, MT. I am glad to have done this as I enjoyed bedside nursing for 42 years.

I graduated in 1944 when the call came, requesting young nurses to join the military to give relief to the tired nurses who had served before and during World War II. I remained in the army for a year and a half and this naïve farm girl grew up in a hurry!

Dibble General Hospital in Menlo Park, CA was to be my assignment for the next 18 months. This was where servicemen from the Pacific Theater who had horrific burns and injuries were brought. It was also the time when plastic surgery was in its infancy. The memories of the pain and suffering of those young men brought tears to my eyes many years after I served there as a nurse. After the war, the hospital was disbanded and part of it was used as housing for married students attending Stanford University.

After the war was over, I returned to Portland where I met my husband who was a widower with three older boys. After marriage, we had two more boys and moved to Newport in 1971. My husband died suddenly and I became a "single mom" with two teen aged boys. I continued to work here in Newport at the hospital with my sole purpose being to see my boys get through college. That position lasted for twenty years.

I joined the local League because I was interested in the political system, and am still enjoying the association and the members.

Volunteering at the Newport Library, and the Newport Hospital Auxiliary have been part of my life for the past twenty years. I also have been involved in the Coast Watch for the past ten years. A recent interest has been trying to write Haiku verses, none of which I would show to a Japanese poet!!



Full Year of League Activities Cut Short By Covid-19

Ruth Kistler

This has been a good year for the LWV of Lincoln County. We've added several active new members. We've been celebrating the 100th anniversary of the League of Women Voters and 100 years of women's suffrage at each of our events: Dual kick-off meetings, legislative update / preview from Sen. Arnie Roblan and Rep. David Gomberg, Community College presentation, holiday luncheon at Sylvia Beach hotel, Cybersecurity study presentation, and Census 2020.

Then the seriousness of the Covid-19 pandemic hit home. On March 8, Governor Brown declared a State of Emergency, shortly after that the City of Newport closed the library meeting rooms, and on March 23, Governor Brown issued an executive order directing Oregonians to stay home except for essential needs. Our planned Ice Cream Social / planning meeting scheduled for March 17 was cancelled – all we could plan for was uncertainty. The planned April Candidates' Forum was cancelled, replaced (in part) by candidates' videos on our new Facebook page. LWVOR Council 2020, planned to be held in Newport, was cancelled and replaced by a Zoom meeting. We expect to postpone our planned Annual Meeting until the Fall.

Before our group activities were halted, we were able to engage in some special celebratory activities. On February 19, members attended the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners' meeting where they issued a proclamation recognizing the League of Women Voters on the occasion of our 100th Anniversary. (See the photo next page.) On March 7, members travelled to Salem to celebrate the League's 100th birthday – see photo below.



Lincoln County Commissioners and members of the League of Women Voters of Lincoln County at the Lincoln County Proclamation



LWVLC members with LWVOR President Rebeca Gladstone in Salem at the LWV 100th Anniversary celebration.


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Membership Form

For information call Carol Anne Hall
 Membership Chair, 541-614-4091
 depoebaycarol@gmail.com

Name _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Additional household members if new
 Names:

<p><u>Annual Membership Dues</u> (Circle one.)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Or Low Income</p>	<p>Individual \$60</p> <p>Individual \$40</p>	<p>Household \$90</p> <p>Household \$60</p>	<p>Student \$5</p>
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I am a new member

I am renewing my membership

The membership year begins July 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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