



# WAVELENGTHS



League of Women Voters of Lincoln County, Oregon

January 11, 2020

## Cyber Security Study

### Presentation; Friday January 17<sup>th</sup>

Amid compelling daily ongoing developments,

- Do you wonder about privacy, cybersecurity, and election security?
- Do you know the privacy and cybersecurity protocols now in effect?
- Do you know the current legislation: privacy, cyber, and security, and election security?
- Do you wonder about “Cyber hygiene”, or privacy and transparency protection?

Please join us on January 17<sup>th</sup> when Rebecca Gladstone presents the League study overview. These ultra-timely issues pop up in urgent daily news, from personal account security, to the Internet of Things with surveillance, to cyber warfare. We acknowledge the difficult technicality of these issues, which change constantly and competitively. Our Leagues need to grasp these issues by focusing on overarching policy concepts to “future-proof” our advocacy positions. Our study prep materials, a glossary and recommended reading, are already posted on the LWVOR website.

This is a one-year League study, a true fast-track starting from the May 2019 adoption, since the original timeline requires Oregon Leagues to process the study report and consensus questions this spring. We are now compiling expert review and editing committee input before final publication and online formatting. Our compiled answers to League consensus questions will produce our legislative policy advocacy positions. Our national League and other states will be looking at our work to add their own perspectives, with possible concurrence adoption. Our study committee appreciates your input.



*“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.”*

**Friday, January 17**  
**Cyber Security**

**Study Presentation**

**11:30 AM to 1:30 PM**

**Newport Public**  
**Library**

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## Voter Service Plans for the 2020 Primary Election

(Forewords by Ruth Kistler: The following article, by Betsy Pratt, Director and Voter Service Chair, LWVOR, was supposed to be published in the Winter issue of the *Voter*, but was inadvertently omitted. In past years, as LWV Lincoln County's Voter Service chair, I have received many comments from local residents disappointed by the poor coverage that the state *Voters Guide* and VOTE411 give to local races. With improved VOTE411 software, and with assistance from LWVOR we hope to be able to provide a more useful product for this year's May Primary election. In early March, LWVOR will be asking local Leagues for assistance with local ballot measure reports and outreach to candidates. I hope we can form a committee within our local League to provide that assistance.)

As we told attendees at the October 19 Fall Workshop, we are starting to organize for next spring's voter service activities. Peggy Bengry, as lead for VOTE411.org, has already been practicing with that tool which was recently upgraded by the national LWV. As has been our pattern for the past couple of elections, VOTE411 will cover every race and every seat across the state. To make this work, Peggy's current project is to develop a better mechanism for capturing boundary information for small, special-purpose districts, in collaboration with the Oregon Department of Revenue, Property Tax Division. In early March, once all the candidates have declared their intention to run, Peggy will send candidates email invitations to participate in VOTE411, along with the link used to provide responses. With help from Local Leagues to:

- Draft good candidate questions,
- Collect candidate information,
- Supply ballot measure reports,
- Contact candidates who don't respond, and
- Send local election event information,

we can meet our goal to have complete information for all counties with local Leagues and more.

The VOTE411 responses become the basis for both the on-line guide and the published *Voters' Guides*. Marianne Germond is in charge of producing the LWVOR printed guides, which will include the Standard Guide, the Large Print version of the Standard Guide, and the Easy Read version. We are also planning to publish a Spanish language version with Beatriz Robles Keiser of CROSSCULTURAL NOW. These LWVOR publications will cover only the statewide offices, which this year will include candidates for President, US Senate, US House of Representatives, Oregon Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Attorney General, and State Supreme Court and Court of Appeals positions. Local Leagues are encouraged to produce guides covering any other candidates, using their VOTE411 responses.

We are planning to offer an *Audio Voters' Guide* that will be based on the Standard Guide. We will continue our *Video Voters' Guide* series in partnership with several local Leagues. If you are interested in being in charge of either of these products, please let me know. Finally, we have funds budgeted for outreach that will include Google searches, social media ads, and public service announcements. In early December I will develop a schedule for these activities and share it with the local League Voter Service leads.

Our voter service program will be effective only to the extent that we can supply complete information in VOTE411. When a voter opens an LWVOR guide that has page after page of "Candidate did not respond in time," or only a link to a ballot measure's text, our usefulness and our credibility suffers. We will be asking local Leagues to help us with outreach to candidates and with ballot measure reports. Creating a ballot measure report or making a timely phone call might make a huge difference. Thank you and contact me at [b.pratt@lwvor.org](mailto:b.pratt@lwvor.org) if you have questions or comments.

## Calendar of Events

### As of January 11, 2020

DATE	TIME	WHERE	What
Jan 17 (Friday)	11:30 AM to 1:30 PM	Newport Public Library	General Meeting – Rebecca Gladstone on Cyber Security Study.
Feb 6	1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	Driftwood Library	Leadership Team Meeting
Feb 14			100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the LWV.
Feb 18		Oregon State Capitol	Day at the Legislature
Feb 20	11:30 AM to 1:30 PM	Newport Library	General Meeting – US Census
Mar 7	10:00 AM to 2:00 PM	Salem Convention Center	LWV 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
May 15-17		Agate Beach Best Western Inn in Newport	LWVOR Council 2020
May 19			Primary Election

### Membership Report

What an inspiring New Year gift for 2020: ten new members to our Lincoln County unit of League of Women Voters! There were many renewing members also, so in this historical year for both women's suffrage (100 year birthday!) and League of Women Voters of the United States (100 year birthday also!), we are "good to go" as we approach primary and November ballots.

Our new members include Kathleen Boian, Judy Casper, Mark Farley, Kaye Hering, Robin Hocktritt, Cynthia Jacobi, Kaety Jacobson, Judy Kreitmeyer, Rebecca McGee, and Susan Wahlke.

A new member get-together is planned for **Thursday, January 30**, at 10:30 AM, at The Red Roof, 7040 Gleneden Beach Loop, Gleneden Beach, OR 97388. The new members will be receiving an individual invitation with the hope that each person will attend on that morning. Refreshments of choice from this excellent bakery will be the (food) order of the day. The Gleneden Beach Loop is the same road that Side Door Café and Blake's Nursery are located. The Red Roof is north of both of those businesses.

New members to LWVLC: please mark your paper or electronic calendars so that we can know you better. Marilyn Podesta, Ruth Kistler and Carol Hall will also attend.

Carol Hall, Membership Chair

### Fruit Fundraiser Successful

Our 2019 fruit sale fundraiser was successful; we raised \$638 to cover future League expenses. The 2019 profit was down from the previous year, partly because some members who sold last year were not able to sell this year and we did not have their customers' contact information. (Jack reminds us that it is important to record customer contact information on the order forms so that another seller can reach your customers if you're unavailable, perhaps on a world cruise, next year.) We wound up with more unsold boxes (11 grapefruit and 3 oranges) than in previous years. All the excess boxes were donated to the local Food Share and were greatly appreciated.





## Young Climate Activists at Our December Luncheon

Marilyn Podesta and Ruth Kistler

Twenty-two members and guests attended the December luncheon at the Sylvia Beach Hotel in Newport to hear our three student guest speakers, Hailey Feuling (8<sup>th</sup> grader at Waldport Middle School), Maia Stout (9<sup>th</sup> grader at Newport High ) and Kaydance Redwine (10<sup>th</sup> grader at Newport High) discuss their research and thoughts about a timely subject: Climate Change. We also welcomed the girls' parents, Jill and Tobias Feuling, and Michelle Stout and Kathy Redwine to be part of our audience that afternoon.

Kaydance told us that the climate-warming effect of increased atmospheric carbon dioxide has been known for over thirty years, but the world continues on the path to a climate catastrophe. Youth have the most to lose. *Juli-ana v U.S.*, a federal court case filed in 2015 in Eugene, asserts that, through the government's affirmative actions that cause climate change, it has violated the youngest generation's constitutional rights to life, liberty, and property.

These three local young women are climate activists. They explained that they're too young to vote so they must use their voices (and signs) to influence the voters and legislators. According to a Newport News Times article, Maia and Hailey have been "posting vigil on street corners" to bring attention to our planet's needs for the better part of a year. The students have been participating in "strikes" in the local area, and individually appearing on Fridays near City Hall to publicize their concerns. Maia gave credit to Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old from Sweden who recently had been named "Person of the Year" by Time magazine and her work/inspiration for the youth movement world-wide. Kaydance told us that 1.4 million students have participated in the school strike for climate.

A question was asked by an audience member, "What can **WE**, as individuals, do to help reduce the carbon footprint now?" Maia cited recycling, use of solar panels, investing in more fuel-efficient automobiles, and eating less animal products as ways of doing our part in helping to reduce carbon dioxide. Maia is a strong advocate of going vegan; she takes part in a weekly program on KYAQ radio, "Healthy Diet, Healthy Planet" (4:30pm Mondays). These young activists urged us, "Find something you're passionate about and act on it." Maia warned, "Pure laziness can cause the end of the world."

And, of course, we adults, as voters, must demand that our government take action to mitigate or avert the coming climate catastrophe.



From left to right: Kaydance Redwine, Hailey Feuling, and Maia Stout.



## Thoughts After Hearing From Our Student Climate Activists

Marilyn Podesta

Many of our members, like myself, are products of parents who struggled to make ends meet during the depression and World War II. I spent eight of the ten years of the '50's decade in high school and college. Ike, a war hero, had been elected President in 1952; the Korean War ended shortly thereafter. During the Eisenhower administration, a national system of inter-state highways was established, thus making it easier for drivers to navigate the United States. An unprecedented boom during the decade in technology, manufacturing, job growth, and education here in the United States was evident in many ways: big, noisy gas-guzzling cars were the norm and gasoline was cheap when I was in high school. (19 cents a gallon), nineteen-cent hamburgers at drive-in restaurants throughout the nation, delivered by "car-hops" on roller skates were also the "norm" in many communities. Eating animal products every day seemed the "norm" back then!

In college, I remember getting "extra credit" for being on the roof of one of the science buildings at SJSC with my physical science class, watching "Sputnik" in the night skies. Returning veterans of both WWII and the Korean conflict flooded my undergraduate classes, taking advantage of the GI Bill. When a new, young, forward thinking President John Kennedy came to the White House in 1960, another era of "boom" in technology and research in space exploration moved forward, using the earth's resources to an even greater capacity.

Yes, we started the trend of being big "users" in the decade of the '50's, and now, nearly three generations later, our youth are reminding us that it may be too late to "undo" what we have done.

Thank you, Hailey, Maia and Kaydance, for reminding us again, that it is perhaps not too late to do "our part" so their adult lives in the future here on this planet are worth living!!



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## Membership Form

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

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

Additional household members if new

Names:

Annual Membership Dues (Circle one.)

Or Low Income

Individual	Household	Student
\$60	\$90	\$5
Individual	Household	
\$40	\$60	

☐ 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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