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The Rose Festival Parade 2012

On June 9th, 2012 about 50 women marched in solidarity in Portland's Grand Floral Parade to celebrate 100 Years of Suffrage for Oregon Women. It was truly a celebration.

Members of four women's organizations marched, chanted and sang as they walked the 4.3-mile parade route. The LWVOR, the Oregon Commission for Women, the Center for Women, Politics and Policy, and the AAUW of Oregon marched together or rode in vintage cars in the Portland Grand Floral Parade to celebrate the achievement of women's right to vote in 1912.



Each participating organization contributed \$700 towards the event and dressed in 1912 reproductions. Though we sought more participating organizations to help cover costs, League members came through with the final \$2200 to complete the \$5,000 parade entrance fee. Donations exceeded the entrance fee, and even covered the cost of handheld signs. Morel Ink of Portland donated one-half the cost of signs (\$270) and the Parade donated a 3 ft. by 7 ft. banner that said "Celebrating 100 Years of Suffrage for Oregon Women 1912 - 2012". The four organizations' logos were also printed on the banner, and LWVOR has used some of the remaining parade funds to remove the other organization's logos and replace them with a larger League logo.



This way local Leagues may use the banner and signs for their events and parades. If your local League is having an event, please check with the office to see if the signs will be available.

Sincere thanks go to:

* Those modern day 'Suffragists' who generously donated to see that the march happened: Lorie James, Ruth Kistler, Darleane Lemley, Libby Medley, Pat Osborn, Sally Hollemon, Debbie Kaye, Paula Krane, Helen Drakeley, Lois Nuss, Jean Sherbeck, Becky Gladstone, Iris Milan, Carol Wilson, Julie

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LWVOR Mission

The League of Women Voters® of Oregon is a grassroots, nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government in order to build better communities statewide. The state League's purposes are to influence public policy through education and advocacy and to provide support for League members and the League organization.

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Join us on



Chapman, Randi Douglas, Robin Wisdom, Heraldine Schwartz, Roz Shirack, the League of Women Voters of Lane County, Jane Gigler, and Katie Goodwin.

* The following League friends marched (other organizations marchers are not listed.): Debbie Kaye, Carol Wilson, Rita Fawcett, Evan Wisdom, Erica Myers, Pamela Ashland, Sandy Carter, Kathy Greysmith, Deanie Anderson, Randi Douglas, Kate Brown (Oregon Secretary of State), Marge Easley, and Tessa Melendez.

* The following League friends rode in or drove vintage cars: Drivers: Joe and Fran Mazzara (the two MGs) and Jim Gordon (Model T 1911) and riders: Nancy William, Darleane Lemley, Robin Wisdom, Sancha Duniway, and Malissa Duniway.

* League members Rita Fawcett and Lorie James for volunteering to assist with housing and transportation for the parade event, and to Mary Cammann and Florence Hincliff for being volunteer sewists.

More links for photos & videos:

[Video by Michael Coe](#)

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Thank you all for such an inspiring celebration that I will personally always remember throughout my life.

Robin Wisdom,

LWVOR President and celebration organizer

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President's Column/ *Robin Wisdom*

Hello League Members and Supporters,

I found the following excerpt in my Google alerts.

"The New Northwest was called "Not a Woman's Rights Organ but a Human Rights Organ." She also called it "A Journal for the People, Devoted to the Interests of Humanity, Independent in Politics and Religion, Alive to All Live Issues, and Thoroughly Radical in Opposing and Exposing the Wrongs of the Masses." For sixteen years the paper would be one of her chief weapons in the battle for woman suffrage."



The above is a quote from a post in the new Abigail Scott Duniway blog on the LWVOR's website. [If you haven't logged in yet, you simply must. Do let us know and we'll hook you up with your own password.] The blog is fascinating reading and written by our own Curry County League member Shirley Nelson.

The quote is about Abigail Scott Duniway, but I suspect you figured that out already. This particular quote stirs me and reminds me of why I joined the League in the first place. I love Abigail's radicalness. We need to have her in mind these days and get a bit radical in my humble estimation. Have we become a little ho-hum with our "League-likeness"?

How can we think 'outside the box' as we learned we should in the Silver and Gold Membership workshop that was presented at Convention 2011? What is 'thinking outside the box'? How does that apply to the League? [You can find the Silver & Gold presentation here: <http://www.lwvor.org/membership/>.]

Good questions, perhaps? For the longevity and vitality of our Leagues, I suggest we take a few risks carefully. The Membership Leadership Development (MLD) program also begins this fall for local Leagues which will help us turn around our membership recruitment struggle. I invite You to any and all LWVOR board meetings throughout the year. We need your insights. Please stay in touch with the calendar.

Envisioning an explosion in League membership!

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LWV of West Umatilla County MAL Unit

The LWVOR board recognized the LWV of West Umatilla County MAL Unit at the May board meeting following Council 2012. The new MAL Unit has achieved all necessary steps and is now officially a Member-at-Large Unit of LWVOR. Jane Gigler of the Portland League is the Unit's Liaison. Congratulations to You, LWV of West Umatilla County MAL Unit, and the state League! We are so pleased to hear a League voice in the eastern part of Oregon.

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Abigail Scott Duniway: Pioneer Path Breaker Blog

Rebecca Smith

Did you know that LWVOR is posting a blog? Shirley Nelson of LWV of Curry County has written a book about Abigail Scott Duniway that she has kindly given us permission to use as a blog. Our intern, Annie Bender wrote the introduction and helped to publish the blog. Learning about Abigail's life is a great way to celebrate 100 years of women's right to vote in Oregon. Please take some time to read the bi-weekly posts and encourage your friends to do so as well. You can make comments on the posts as long as you've registered to use the web site. We'd love to hear your thoughts about the story of this amazing woman. To read the blog, go to the LWVOR home page and click on the big image that appears in the center of the screen, the one featuring Abigail Duniway placing her vote. Or, you can go to <http://www.lwvor.org/abigail-scott-duniway-pioneer-path-breaker/>.



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Membership Leadership Development (MLD)

Pam Ashland, MLD State Coordinator

League of Women Voters of Oregon has joined the National League Membership Leadership Development program which is designed to grow membership and leadership. This outreach program is being funded by the Ruth S. Shur Fellows Leadership Institute. The program consists of a national coaching team, the State Board, State Coaching Team, and a State Coordinator and the local League teams. All of the training (including lodging and food expenses) will be funded by National through the Shur Fellows Grant.

Applications have been submitted and coaches have been recruited. Currently we have five coaches: Janet Calvert, Debbie Kaye, Marnie Lonsdale, Libby Medley, and Robin Wisdom. Each coach may work with two local Leagues. Applications are still being accepted for coaches. Training will take place in Salem on September 22nd or 29th. Coaches will arrive at noon on Friday and leave at noon on Sunday. Local League team members will arrive at noon on Saturday and depart on Sunday at noon. Attendees will include the coaches, the state coordinator, State League Board Members, and local League representatives. This training will encompass the basics of membership recruitment plus many great ideas on how to develop new leaders. The coaches will be making monthly telephone contacts with their local Leagues.

If we had more coaches, we could involve more Leagues in this training opportunity, which is entirely paid for this year by the special Shur grant. If you are interested in becoming a coach, please contact Pam Ashland at 503-622-3568 or at misschatr@aol.com. We are looking forward to making League activities more effective, visible and rewarding for League members and the community.

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Voter Articles Needed!

Rose Lewis

I am always looking to feature stories of local League successes in the Voter, including fundraisers, special programs and projects. Please send your stories to me and to state liaison chair, Rose Lewis (r.lewis@lwvor.org). Submission deadlines and publication dates are on the calendar in the front of the Local League Planning Guide.

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New Publication Now Available

More Power than We Knew, Second Edition, the LWVOR history from 1920 to the present, has been completed and is now available on stands in your local Salem League office. Beautifully covered by League artist Denise Mahoney's rendition of suffragists in Bend, the 120-page document is full of names and photos you may recognize. In fact, one of those faces may be your own or a loved one. The books are now on sale for \$12 per copy or to be mailed to you cost \$16 per copy. Please contact the office to reserve your copies today.



The cartoon above is from the original version of "More Power Than We Knew".

We owe our thanks to the authors, Marge Easley, Jane Gigler, Kris Hudson and Libby Medley who gave their time and expertise to produce this updated version. The writing contains and updates the previously published historical account "More Power than We Knew," written by Mary Alice Moore and Donald E. Moore and continues on to include 1995 to the present.

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The Coastal Study is on its way to the printer and should be available by the end of the summer. The committee also plans a PowerPoint presentation and discussion leader guides. Local Leagues should plan to reach consensus during the fall with consensus responses sent to the state board by January 15, 2013.

Recognizing that the original scope of the Children at Risk study, adopted at the 2011 LWVOR Convention, was too large, the study committee will focus on early childhood (age 0 to third grade) with an emphasis on those factors that determine success or failure in school. This aspect of Children at Risk is particularly important at this time because of proposals for significant changes in the coordination of services for this age group. The committee will be asking local Leagues to assist in obtaining information on local issues. We do not expect to reach consensus during this League fiscal year.

The 2012 LWV National Convention approved a review and update of the LWVUS agriculture position, approved in 1988. Such a review would investigate genetic modification, consolidation in the food industry, money in the regulatory process, and the consumer's right to accurate and comprehensive food labeling.

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LWVUS Convention Report

The overall theme of the Convention was *Power the Vote*, so guest speakers addressed current efforts to suppress voter participation and other signs of dysfunctional political processes. We heard presentations from the Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, who described Congressional meddling in Washington DC governance and budget decisions, and Kathleen Hall Jamieson, who announced a new initiative to hold TV channels accountable for the quality of candidate ads that they air (go to Flackcheck.org for more information). On Monday morning, a panel including Eleanor Clift, Mickey Edwards, and Trevor Potter, talked about their perspectives on systemic problems with the US political situation. Edwards commented that, in the current political structure, all incentives reward non-cooperation. Clift argued for independent redistricting commissions to reduce the recurring patterns of gerrymandering, and Potter outlined the logical fallacies in the 2012 Supreme Court ruling on Citizens United. Several of the speakers praised League efforts to preserve our democracy by protecting voter access and informing citizens.

During the business sessions the delegates approved the Board-recommended \$1 PMP increase for 2012-2013; the budget for 2012-2014; the slate of officers; by-law changes (including clauses that change the LWVUS convention delegate allowance to 1 delegate per 50 members). The delegates also approved a new sentencing position (The LWVUS believes alternatives to imprisonment should be explored and utilized, taking into consideration the circumstances and nature of the crime. The LWVUS opposes mandatory minimum sentences for drug offences.) and a new action priority regarding campaign financing. The Board distributed the new approved [privatization policy](#) and announced that the new [education position](#) is also available.

The Oregon delegates included Flo Alvergue (Eugene); Petra Berger (Marion/Polk); Kappy Eaton (Eugene); Paula Krane (Corvallis); Luana Luther (Clackamas); Kate Mathews (Corvallis); Mary McWilliams (Portland); Betsy Pratt (LWVOR); Susan Tavakolian (Eugene); and Judi Umaki (Clackamas).

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LWVOR Participates in the Appellate Judicial Selection Work Group

Because of the study conducted by the League, and our continued interest in making sure that the Judicial Department of Oregon continues to operate in an unbiased manner, LWVOR has a seat on the Appellate Judicial Selection Work Group. This group convenes under the auspices of the Oregon Law Commission. Justice Paul DeMuniz.

The purpose of the work group is to determine best practices in the appointment and retention of appellate judges. Because Oregon elects these judges, there is concern that big money could have an influence on who sits on these courts, as has happened in Wisconsin, Iowa, Nevada and Minnesota.

In addition, how a judge is initially chosen has an impact on whether they will be retained on the bench when their election is held. In Oregon, if a judge retires mid-term, the Governor has the exclusive jurisdiction to appoint a replacement. Although the judge then has to run for office at the next general election, the judge runs as an incumbent. This gives a distinct advantage to these appointed judges.

Both of these concerns will be addressed by the work group. If statutory changes are recommended by the group, such recommendations will be forwarded to the Legislature for action. The group will meet monthly until the end of the year. Alice Bartelt is serving as LWVOR's representative. If you have any ideas that you would like to share, please contact Alice Bartelt.

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Kappy Eaton Receives the Abigail Scott Duniway Award

During the LWVOR Council meeting, Oregon Secretary of State Kate Brown presented the inaugural *Abigail Scott Duniway* award to Kappy Eaton. The award, presented for outstanding and long-term activism in government, honors her exceptional leadership and commitment to citizen engagement.



Among Kappy's many achievements are:

League of Women Voters:

Lane County League joined in 1954- Vice-president, Voters Service chair, Action Chair, President 1963-65, 1997-99; chair of various research study committees (County Finances, Parklands, City Government, Mental Health), currently Action Chair, Delegate to several League of Women Voters of US conventions and Oregon conventions, Civics 101 Committee and program moderator for Campaign Finance Reform and Funding Oregon. League of Women Voters of Oregon. Vice-president, Action chair; President; Chair studies on Coastal Management, Election Laws, Initiative Reform, Mental Health. Committee member of studies on Election Methods. Redistricting, Judiciary, Governance Coordinator on Action committee, extensive advocacy during legislative sessions and during interim, ballot measure presentations to various organizations around the state. League representative on Oregon Revenue Coalition, Women's Health and Wellness Alliance, Working Families Coalition, Initiative Reform Coalition.

City of Eugene:

City Budget Committee. 1986-1992; chair 1988-92; Secretary to Special Committee on Restoring Eugene, (1970s); and worked with Mayor and City Council to adopt redistricting criteria for ward changes after 2001 census.

Secretary of State:

- Served on a blue-ribbon committee appointed by Secretary of State Clay Myers in 1971-2 to look at election laws and redistricting;
- Appointed by Secretary of State Phil Keisling to 12 member committee in 1991 to work on redistricting plan, the first to have new geographic technology; and
- Meets weekly during legislative sessions with Elections Director on bills and strategies for improving initiatives and elections.

Notable Legislative/Political Activities (leadership roles in campaigns):

- Campaign Finance - helped draft 1994 contribution limits initiative - passed 72%;
- Chief petitioner 2000 initiative for public funding of legislators -Coalition effort over three years;
- Successful 20 year campaign for public kindergartens;
- Successful year-long campaign for per capita public library funding from fed money;
- Successful revision of Oregon estate tax laws to protect widows;
- Successful vote by mail initiative campaign;
- Successful campaign with Eugene School Board to put librarians in 33 elementary schools.

These many achievements, along with others that are too numerous to recount here, make Kappy a true treasure in the State of Oregon. The League is proud to count her as a member.

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Technology Report

Mary Sinclair

The Technology Committee is planning a busy year. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn new things (a proven way to keep your brain healthy). Our goal is to:

- Publish Vote411 online by October 8, 2012
- Conduct 3 webinars: Vote411, Bill tracking, PR Toolkit, Social Media, Wordpress
- Test 3 new audio/visual products
- Upload all Studies to LWVUS Clearinghouse
- Update Wordpress documentation
- Refresh website monthly
- Develop PowerPoint presentation on website
- Tech Training at the Fall Workshop

How would you like to be involved? Contact Mary Sinclair, m.sinclair@lwwor.org.

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Voters Service

Betsy Pratt, Education Fund Chair

As most League members are enjoying a well-earned summer holiday, the Voters Service team is already gearing up for the fall general election. We started by reviewing what we accomplished for the spring primary. As planned, we provided the Vote411.org on-line *Voters' Guide*, printed *Voters' Guide*, the video *Voters' Guide* for Washington and Clackamas counties, plus the special Braille and audio editions. We also funded extensive outreach across the state to let people know how to obtain these materials.

We used a new printer this year, Eagle Web Press in Salem, with satisfactory results. The following table provides a summary of the printing costs for the hard-copy *Voters' Guide*, which may be of help as Leagues plan for the fall general election. It should be noted that, although we may have fewer candidates in the fall, the number of pages will vary depending on the number of ballot measures.

The Secretary of State's office reimbursed us for the costs of the Spanish, Large-Print, Easy, Braille, and audio versions, in accordance with the terms of the HAVA (Help America Vote Act) grant. The balance of the expenses for the primary was covered by the LWVOR Education Fund, as supported by generous contributions from the Saling Foundation, Rose E. Tucker Charitable Trust, the Alder Jarach Fund of the Equity Foundation, and Vernier Software and Technology. Local Leagues were not asked to contribute to printing costs.

Publication	Pages	Quantity	Cost	Unit Cost
Standard Oregon version	16	14,152	\$2,360.09	\$0.14

Spanish version	24	25,000	\$2,587.64	\$0.09
Large Print	36	1,649	\$1,934.71	\$1.08
Easy Read	24	6,635	\$2,126.20	\$0.28
Multnomah County	48	7,800	\$3,808.85	\$0.47

To our disappointment, [Vote411](#) registered fewer than 12,000 hits for the primary, even though we covered races across the state, and we are uncertain whether the on-line newspaper ads that we purchased yielded substantial results. Therefore we are shifting our focus somewhat for the fall election.

Once again, in recognition of our different audiences, we intend to support both the traditional print formats and the new electronic media. And we will continue our partnership with the Secretary of State's office. We will be researching and publishing ballot measure information in the printed and on-line versions, as well as through speaker kits. However, we want to simplify the candidate information, by providing more background on each position and having each candidate state his or her qualifications and priorities for the position (rather than answer several topical or issue-based questions). We plan to direct our outreach efforts away from purchased ads toward more personal outreach. Finally, we want to make [Vote411](#) more appealing to voters. The LWVUS is redesigning the [Vote 411](#) opening pages, with the new view available sometime in August, which may help.

We are also sponsoring the Oregon Student Mock Election for the fall. This is an exciting, experience-based, educational program that involves middle and high schools students in the electoral process and demonstrates the importance of voting. This summer we will be recruiting a coordinator to connect with schools and teachers and support other voter service outreach.

If you have questions about these activities, or want to participate, please contact me.
Betsy Pratt, B.Pratt@lwvor.org

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Join or Donate to the League of Women Voters

Interested in joining?

Join the League of Women Voters, a respected, national grassroots organization. Members of the LWV, an active group of women and men of all ages and backgrounds, work on issues which make a difference locally, statewide, and nationally. You too can help make democracy work.

Interested in donating?

Because we rely on thousands of volunteer hours from our members and our Board, we are able to operate with a very low overhead. However, as a nonprofit organization, support from people like you is essential in order to carry out our activities.

Learn more about joining and donating by linking above or visiting our web site, www.lwvor.org.

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