

## **The League's Oral History Project**

As many of you are aware, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's suffrage in Oregon occurred in 2012. Our current members also have interesting and fascinating lives and our Leagues have contributed much to our communities. The state League would like local Leagues to begin interviewing long term members, those with knowledge of the League's unique history.

To facilitate this and to be consistent in our interviewing process, we have designed the following questionnaire. While we do need answers to these questions, please do not limit yourselves to only these questions. You may also want to include questions about significant life events, educational experiences, and memorable influences. If a League member has run for office or broken the glass ceiling in some way, please include details from that experience as well. We want to know the many contributions that our members have made in business, in the arts, in the schools, in their communities and to their country.

Also, we would like a photo of your interviewed League member. If possible, a video or audio recording would also be helpful as we would like to post some of these on our website. The format is not important, although please test the sound and lighting quality beforehand. When finishing your interview, please ask your League member to give us permission to post this material on our website by signing and dating the interview sheet that follows this. Send all completed interviews to the state office. We would like as many interviews as possible by January 2012, so please get started now. Our history is as valuable as our organization.

## **League of Women Voters of Oregon Oral History Project**

### **Interview Sheet and Questionnaire**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewee: \_\_\_\_\_

Current League: \_\_\_\_\_

Interviewer (s):

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1. How long have you been a League member?

Follow up: Do you remember the specific year you joined?

2. In what Leagues have you been a member?

Follow up: a chronological list of League memberships

3. Why did you initially join the League? OR Who or what motivated you to join the League?

4. Did your League activities have a focus, e.g. voter service, forums, studies, advocacy?

Follow up – Why did this area of League service appeal to you?

5. What events/activities stand out in your mind as you recall your years in the League?  
Follow up: Why?
6. Who are/were some of the League members that you worked with who impressed you?  
Why? Share details of these individuals.
7. How has the League changed over the years that you have been a member?
8. Follow up: How do you feel about these changes? If there was one thing that you would alter about the League, what would it be and why?
9. What have you learned from your experiences in the League?
10. Have you attended any state or national conventions? Which ones? What events or people made an impression on you?
11. How has the League impacted your personal life?
12. Why should women and men join the League today?

Do we have your permission to post this interview on our website and any photos or video clips?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_