February 28, 2020 - Update from LWVOR President Becky Gladstone

LWVOR President’s Letter March 2020

February has been a whirlwind! I hope you all are in good health and keeping up! This is a tad early to be sure you make reservations for our March 7th Gala in Salem in time by February 28th. This newsletter covers:

- Our Century Celebration, March 7th, Register NOW
- Privacy & Cybersecurity Study, study and questions posted
- Voter Service- send volunteers!
- Action, read our “LR’s”
- Redistricting & Census news
- Harvard Case Study, April 15th deadline
- LWVUS Convention 2020 in DC, registration is open!
- Day of Action Local activities
Century Celebration: Registration closes Feb. 28th @ 5pm

This Oregon League 100 Year Anniversary Gala is next week! Leagues are sending vanfuls from around Oregon! Get your reservation in Now! We will have Votes for Women sashes to loan you for pictures, a commemorative video, a retrospective historic photo slide show from Oregon Leagues, a superb panel, and awards to your members you’ve nominated.

Celebrating Women in Leadership:

- Panel Discussion, statewide elected women leaders (Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, Labor Commissioner Val Hoyle, Metro Council President Lynn Peterson and Supreme Court Chief Justice Martha Walters) and former Governor Barbara Roberts moderating.
- Our past and future: a synopsis of empowering voters and defending democracy.
- Award presentations: Carrie Chapman Catt and Distinguished Service Awards.
- Plated lunch included with the $50 registration fee; tables of ten may be reserved.

For more info, see our Century Celebration page.

Privacy and Cybersecurity Study is here!

Our study has been adopted by the board. Please start reading and considering our consensus questions, replies due preferably by the end of this May. The board is offering an extension to no later than November 2020, for Voter Service work. This spring may actually be better for you, though!

- NEW! Privacy and Cybersecurity Today – Full Study (PDF)
- Consensus Questions and Key Findings (PDF)
- Reading and Resources Study Materials (PDF)
- Glossary (PDF)
- Appendix D: Personal Privacy Practices (PDF)

Pre-register for the March 12th LWVUS webinar: Cybersecurity & Scam Avoidance.
Voter Service

If your League wants to sponsor events for state-wide and federal races, coordinate first with Becky Gladstone, rebecca.gladstone[at]gmail.com, who is covering for LWVOR Voter Service Chair Betsy Pratt for a few more days.

Our Voter Service election season will be intense! Our Leagues are already scheduling candidate and measure forums and events, with several for the Secretary of State race and a few Congressional races.

Peggy Bengry, pbengry[at]fastmail.com, is heading our VOTE411 team so send your tech-savvy volunteers to her.

Action

The 2020 short session is all but complete with most of the session’s work hanging in the balance due to repeat Republican walkouts again protesting Cap and Trade proposals related to climate change. Please subscribe to our Legislative Reports (LRs). Posted weekly during sessions, LRs provide summaries and detailed reports of activity in the Legislature.

Redistricting and Census

Redistricting and our 2020 Census are related: a complete, accurate state Census count is likely to give a Oregon 6th Congressional District!

Photo at right was taken at our February 18th Day at the Legislature. Candalynn Johnson, Redistricting Campaign Coordinator, spoke about upcoming League plans for redistricting outreach and advocacy around the state.

Redistricting:
Here’s the latest on our Redistricting measure(s) signature gathering. Opponents’ ballot title appeals and our amicus briefs are completed and filed with the Attorney General.

- Opponents have one week to file reply memorandums to the AG (March 3 & 4), then briefing is done and the Supreme Court will begin considering appeals.
- When the court replies, we can begin signature gathering. The Oregon Supreme Court has no reply timeframe. Our best case scenario is court consideration being done in early April.

Census:
Our Census Coordinator Toni Lampkin sent a full roster of participating Oregon libraries to our League Leaders’ google group on February 21st, with this LWVUS Census Toolkit for
action in our communities.

**Harvard Case Study Project**

**Application deadline Extended to April 15th!**

*From Toni Lampkin, tonilampkin[at]gmail.com:* Harvard is running the Teacher Workshop again next August. Each local league will be able to sponsor 2 teachers. This year, the project will cover expenses *except airfare*, a change from last year. If a local thinks they might be interested in participating, they need to let me know ASAP and I will forward the info to the national coordinator. Expressing interest does not require any commitment on the part of the leagues. Final teacher selection will need to be completed by April 1, 2020.

Dear League Leaders,

I wanted to let you know that the teacher nomination deadline for the Harvard Civics Workshop has been extended to April 15 (from April 1) at the request of a number of participating Leagues. Just as a reminder, this workshop is being offered from August 16-18 on the Harvard Business School campus specifically for outstanding high school teachers of US History, Government or Civics nominated by their local League chapters. See:

- [Instructions for nominating a teacher](#)
- [More League information about the project](#)
- [The Harvard Case Method Project website at HBS](#)

Please contact me if you would like more information or have any questions. I am happy to help in any way!

Kind wishes,

Dr. Deirdre Kamlani,
Board and Program Committee Member, LWV of Greenwich (CT)

**LWVUS Convention 2020**

**Registration is now OPEN!** Convene your boards to determine your delegation numbers and names.

This is our 100th Anniversary Convention, set for June 25-28, on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC!

*Here's the (updating) Schedule-at-a-Glance.*
Register for a Federal Lobby Day with our federal Congressional offices (with training from our Advocacy Corps), a full roster of League business, a gala banquet, a Friday Capitol Steps show benefitting the DC League, A “Wares Mart” for goodies, and three LWVOR caucuses, applications pending:

1. Making Climate Change a LWVUS Program Priority
2. International Immigration caused by Climate Change
3. our new Privacy and Cybersecurity study Presentation
I want our Oregon Delegation to be coordinated and in touch with each other so please share your info as soon as possible and we’ll be sure you get all the helpful tips! Hotels have been posted and are getting full already: **Make Your Reservations NOW!** --Becky

## Local Day of Action Activities

Our national League asked us to register our events and reports are coming in! Do you get League Updates from LWVUS President Chris Carson? [Sign up to subscribe here](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=682da0d637&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1659828982329312112&simpl=msg-f%3A1659828982329312112). Read the following message from Chris:

*Thank you for being part of history on our 100th year anniversary! Across the country, 339 leagues demonstrated our League power through a coordinated Day of Action involving over 395 events! Through our coordinated action, we highlighted key issues from redistricting reform to voter engagement. We were able to reach 110,088 people through in-person events and social media to celebrate our day and share our work!*

   **Congratulations on this amazing accomplishment!**

*We have already heard from 155 Leagues about their events, but we are waiting to hear from more. Please do not forget to fill out our [short survey](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=682da0d637&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1659828982329312112&simpl=msg-f%3A1659828982329312112) by February 28th! We want to collect as much information as possible to be able to share our collective story on this historic day. Thank you to everyone who has already shared their big day!*

Thank you for reading!

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LWVOR President