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December 1, 2019 - Update from LWVOR President Becky Gladstone



LWVOR President's Letter December 2019

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Welcome to December 2019; wishing all Oregon League members and other readers cozy holidays!

In case you missed it, please pull up our quarterly [Voter newsletter webpage](#) (forthcoming by mail) because our volunteers want to share their reports directly with you. This monthly brief includes:

- Redistricting- Our state Initiatives!
- Voter Service/ Vote411 & GOTV
- Cybersecurity and Privacy study
- Social Media- how it can help your events!
- From the AG: holiday consumer protection
- Action: Volunteer Wish List 🎁
- ERA news and Suffragist memorial
- Book from the Deschutes League

Redistricting

We're getting strong LWVUS support as part of the [League's 50-state #PeoplePoweredFairMaps Redistricting campaign](#). Our LWVORAF filed state redistricting initiatives [#1](#), [#2](#), & [#3](#), in partnership with the "People Not Politicians" PAC. Here's the timeline; contact your League leaders to see how you can help. We'll reach out as soon as volunteer help is needed.



- First Draft Ballot Titles (DBT) Received December 11, 12
- DBT POLL December 13, 14, 15
- Public Comments due December 26, 27
- AG Provides Certified Ballot Titles January 10, 13
- Supreme Court Petitions for Review Due January 24, 27
- Legal Challenge Process January - ~April 2020
- Statewide signature gathering April 2020 - June 2020 (this is the step needing many volunteers)
- Signatures due for Nov 2020 ballot certification July 2, 2020



Security// We Are A Target

Cybersecurity and Privacy Study

We're wrapping up expert review for our Cyber study, with reading and speakers' lists coming soon! Contact the Study Chair [Mary Sinclair](#) to request presentations.

Take a look at November's legislative [committee video](#), featuring ransomware in Oregon, after a [ShakeAlert app](#). Rep Nancy Nathanson calls for

"cyber hygiene"! Clearly our cybersecurity study is relevant and needed!

Vote411 - GOTV Pilot programs!

Our 2019 election analytics are in! Our online Vote411 use is growing like crazy, fielding more than 13,000 visits this year placed through our various League websites. For about \$0.45 a user in Oregon, we shared information on most of our candidates and ballot measures around the state. We still need to push for candidates to provide emails to receive our invitations.

LWVUS piloted a new Get Out The Vote (GOTV) program in Colorado, New Jersey, and Virginia, contacting voters to encourage them to vote. Leagues can do that here, too, by joining forces with others for the 2020 elections. Find out who usually promotes GOTV where you are. We can help!

Social Media

Did you know that listing events on Facebook means your local League can reach any users in

Find Events



your area who're looking for something to do? Recruit a Facebook user to post your LWV events for you, then watch your interested attendance grow! Search for Facebook/events to see a current list. We'll need to list upcoming Voter Service events!

See The Voter for our top posts this quarter, ranging from a small viewing up to 222,500 views with 3,542 shares. Social media works!

Consumer Advice From the AG

LWVOR is attending the Attorney General's (AG) Consumer Privacy Task Force, helpful for our Cyber study. The AG shares these tips for December: "[You can stay financially safe during the holidays.](#)"

Action Volunteers Needed 🎁

December is a holiday month and we have a Wish List!

We need three new Coordinators. We appreciate all their work and wish Maud, Chris and Karen well in their new ventures. It is time; can YOU to step up for League advocacy and become a vital part of our 100-year tradition of championing democracy?

- Maud Naroll covered Revenue and has moved to Denver to be an involved Grandma.
- Chris Vogel covers Education, will become a world-traveling gypsy after the 2021 session.
- Karen Nibler wishes to train additional volunteers and then retire from her Social Policy portfolio.



LWVOR Climate activists at the November 6th Crag Law fundraiser on to support the federal Climate Change case, OurChildrensTrust.

We also need advocates for the following issues:

- **Tax and Revenue** (contact [Chris Vogel](#))
- **Social Policy** (contact [Karen Nibler](#))
 - family and disabled financial assistance, food programs and work training,
 - Child welfare investigations, foster and residential care,
 - Senior and Disabled Adults financial support, home services and residential care,

- Intellectual Disability support, training and residential homes. disabled adult Voc-Rehab
- Health Care – eligible resident Medicaid Services, CCOs for children and seniors
- Dept. of Consumer and Business Services Rx drug monitoring and Insurance Div supervision,
- Oregon Health Authority rules for Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and Medical Care Facilities.
- Public Health Education and services through state and county health departments,
- Mental Health State Hospitals and supports for clinics in counties and school districts,
- Proposals for expansion of coverage recommended by the SB 770 Task Force.
- Coordination with the ACA Insurance Website and eligibility
- Public Safety – proposals for new laws in the Judiciary Committees
- Oregon Judicial Department Budget and adequacy of services in 27 Judicial Districts
- Operation of the Department of Corrections Prisons and Community Corrections Supervision
- Operation of the Oregon Youth Authority, Facilities & Community Corrections, Juvenile to 25
- **Education**, Early Learning, Career Tech (CTE), PK-12, Higher ED (contact [Chris Vogel](#))
- **Governance**, Ethics in Government, Public Records (contact [Norman Turrill](#))

Subscribe to [Legislative Reports](#). November's news includes Jordan Cove, ransomware, and more!

ERA Progress & Memorial

Our LWVUS Executive Director, Virginia Kase, on the right, is at the November 14th Turning Point Suffragist Memorial groundbreaking. See articles and images: [WTOP](#) & [WAMU](#).

Look in [The Voter](#) for ERA ratification news.



League Readers' Bookshelf

A guest review from the Deschutes LWV Freedom Readers.

In November we met at Carol Ann Cary's home to discuss [Ratf**ked: Why Your Vote Doesn't Count](#), by David Daley.

As you'd expect, our November discussion turned political, but while many expressed feelings of discouragement with the message of this book, we all agreed that knowing how we got here is the only way we can forge a way out. Several in the group expressed dismay at the extreme focus of those who set out to gerrymander the states and the seeming inattentiveness of the Democrats during the 2000 and 2010 redistricting processes. The current redistricting effort matters.

We are skipping the December meeting because of the Holidays. Our January discussion at Laurel Sorlie's home is on **The Story of Jane: The Legendary Underground Feminist Abortion Service**, by Laura Kaplan.

Thank you for reading!

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