



LWVOR President's Letter January 2020

Welcome to 2020, our League centennial year, the 100th Anniversary for the League of Women Voters and signing of the 19th Amendment granting votes for women! This will be brief since December was a holiday time but please know that we are moving forward with work on many fronts for this presidential election year!

Our state board will meet next week and we will follow up with calls to action for our state leaders. Be sure you are getting news from them and that our communication pipelines are all connecting! We should have guidance on all of these topics and more:

Our 100th Anniversary

Look for national Day of Action, February 14th, local and state Centennial event news, also our local League grant updates. Registration should open soon for our "[Century Celebration](#)", the 100th Anniversary lunch and full program in Salem on March 7th with a show-stopping speakers' panel in the works! Our state committee is completing work on a historic video, a powerpoint presentation, and a slide show. You will not want to miss this one!

Voter Service

Several Leagues are prioritizing Voter Service as their top effort for 2020. Given the low national voter turnout for the last presidential election, we agree! Voters must be informed accurately and not be overwhelmed or dismayed. This is a serious responsibility for the League of

Action task for your Voter Service Committees—We need your local candidates questions, to insert into Vote411, by mid-February. We have used generic questions in the past, like "What are your top priorities if you are elected?" Obviously, our voter information is vastly improved by your sharing specific relevant questions for your districts. We can share

Women Voters!

Candidates have already filed for 37 state races and of course we have compelling state initiative petitions filed that we are already working on, carefully and absolutely separating our educational Voter Service coverage. We are actively working on candidate events for the Secretary of State race and beginning outreach for our Congressional races.

our old questions as a basis. Please be thinking about this!

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Redistricting and Census

Redistricting and our 2020 Census are related, with our Oregon 6th Congressional District seeming more likely, but dependent on an accurate Census Count. Watch for news soon. With the initial filing signatures certified for three redistricting initiatives, they are now proceeding through the established review protocol between the Secretary of State and the Attorney General. We expect a better sense of when signature collection can start for these by next month.

Action

Our Action team has been working continuously, members asked to serve on multiple task forces across our portfolios, working with coalitions preparing for the short 2020 legislative session, and recruiting additional research support. Please contact us if you are interested, lwvor@lwvor.org. [Registration will open soon](#) for Day at the Legislature 2020, on February 18th.

Cybersecurity and Privacy Today

Our study is on track! [Materials have been posted for you](#) to read to prepare for the study, now in final editing review. Please contact study chair Mary Sinclair to schedule or discuss study presentations. We can present a study overview and we have compiled a list of volunteer experts you can contact for in-depth information. We sent a full timeline in our [Winter Voter](#).

Improving Communications

This month marks our first board half-year, fun to look back just a tad while we also look back 100 years and into the future. Our primary call at Convention was for improved communication and I want to keep pushing for improved supportive networking! Our League leaders are pulling together with bi-monthly group calls and have convened a google group with 22 now enrolled. I am so pleased with an early query about Board Handbooks because

the Rogue Valley League had just updated theirs, then shared through this group! Upcoming topics, aside from comparing notes for our shared 2020 Voter Service and Centennial events, will be insurance and harassment policies, which can help to reduce insurance fees! Please keep thinking of what your Leagues have in common with others. Are you coastal, rural, Metro, mid-valley, run by leadership teams? Let's be stronger by working together!

In case you missed it, from September 2019:



The annual 2019 fundraiser for Crag Law Center, which represents Our Children's Trust. First time I've signed in to a fundraiser and been told- "Ah, Mrs. Gladstone, LWVOR! You are at Table 1!" LWVOR was the premier sponsor!

After the preliminary auctions and raffles, the MC announced the part of the program that "many would be looking forward to, calls to donate when we really weren't looking for a gift in return". I reached for my paddle. Then he opened the floor to those who were ready to donate at the \$10,000 level. :-) I had to gulp and put down my paddle for a few rounds but they did get a number of paddles raised at that level and did well for the evening! We have high hopes for Our Children's Trust in 2020 and are grateful for the work of the Crag Law Center!

Thank you for reading this and being committed to making a difference. Only a few years ago, someone asked me if I thought the League was still relevant. No one is asking that now! We are relevant and our work is desperately needed. Thank you for helping!

Thank you for reading!

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